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Births.

GOLDMAN.—February 13, at Percyville, Clifton, Johannesburg, the wife of A. E. A. Goldman, of a son.

Marriages.

BATESON—DAVIS.—December 29, 1897, at St. Stephen's Church, Adamstown, by the Rev. T. Ramm, Edgar Theodore, second son of William Jennings Bateson, Esq., Carlton Villa, Adamstown, to Amy Marie, third daughter of John Davis, Esq., Belmore-street, Adamstown.

BROWN—BLOOMFIELD.—January 26, at the residence of the bride's parents, Holmfirth, Enfield, by the father of the bridegroom, George Frederick, eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Brown, D.D., of Gordon, to Eva I'Anson, eldest daughter of C. Bloomfield, late of Coogee.

HALL—DICKEY.—February 14, at Holy Trinity Church, Bowen (Q.), by the Rev. A. E. Hockey, Francis Vincent, eldest son of Thomas Hall, Esq., chief accountant New South Wales Railways, to Dora Harriette Hemphill, only daughter of James Hemphill Dickey, Esq., manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Bowen.

Deaths.

BELLAMY.—February 22, at 48 Weston-road, Balmain, Michael Bellamy, late of Hinchcliff's wool stores, in his 53rd year.

BURNSIDE.—February 22, at Rosebank, Liverpool, Mary Alice, the third beloved daughter of Mrs. Burnside, aged 37.

EDWARDS.—February 12, at Brisbane, Rev. Canon A. Edwards, Rector of St. Thomas', Hughenden, N. Queensland, in his 40th year, of pneumonia.

HANNAN.—February 4, at his residence, 72 Botany-street, Redfern, of peritonitis, Cornelius Hannan, in his 60th year. R.I.P.

MINNIKIN.—January 19, 1898, at Yalwal, John Mowbray Minnikin, beloved husband of Joanna Minnikin, aged 44 years, native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Home papers please copy.

PARKES.—February 16, at his residence, Parknorth, near Bathurst, Josiah Parker, aged 90 years.

TURNER.—February 21, suddenly, at his sister's residence, Mrs. Webb Winmarleigh, Canonbury-grove, Dulwich Hill, Walter Webb Turner, youngest son of the late John Entwistle Turner, late of H.M. Customs, Sydney, aged 49. Queensland papers please copy.

VENTERS.—January 12, 1898, at her residence, Charleville, Cadia, Jane Venters, widow of the late George Venters, of Luddenham, aged 72 years.

In Memoriam.

BLAIN.—In fond and loving memory of Thomas Andrew Blain, e'dest son of the late Rev. Robert Blain, of Hexham, and nephew of the late John Hudson Keys, Esq., of Bengalla, Muswellbrook, who departed this life February 23, 1895, aged 47 years. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

COLEMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Henry Coleman, who died 23rd February, 1871, aged 83 years. Inserted by his loving wife, Mary Coleman. Dead, but not forgotten.

FLATTERS.—In loving memory of my dear wife, who departed this life February 23, 1897. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving husband and daughter, J. and Maude Flatters.

GIFFORD.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Henry James Gifford, who departed this life at the Balmain Cottage Hospital on the 23rd February, 1897, after six hours' illness. Inserted by his loving wife, Hannah, and children.

GRIERSON.—In ever-loving remembrance of our darling little daughter Dorothy, who departed this life on February 23, 1895, aged 2 months. Inserted by loving parents, R. W. and A. Grierson. "Our darling at rest."

HICKY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Michael Hicky, who departed this life on 23rd February, 1892. Inserted by his loving wife, Maggie Hicky. May his soul rest in peace.

KORHANAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Margaret Korhanan, who departed this life February 23, 1894. Inserted by her loving sons, Daniel and Charles Williams.

MARYOTT.—In loving memory of my dear husband, George Alfred Maryott, who departed this life on the 23rd of February, 1896. Inserted by his loving wife, Helen Maryott, and family. Dead, but not forgotten.

MITCHELL.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear father, Denis Mitchell, who departed this life February 23, 1895.
Leaves may wither, but memory never.
Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Charles Gordon.

MOYLE.—In sad and loving memory of our ever dearly loved son, Harry, who was accidentally drowned by being washed off the rocks at the Gap, South Head, Sydney, on the 23rd February, 1895, aged 23 years. T. H. and L. W. Moyle. Melbourne papers please copy.

Return Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. LINDSTROM, desire to express their most heartfelt THANKS to friends and neighbours for their acts of kindness, floral tributes, and letters of sympathy during their late sad bereavement. Special Thanks to Dr. A. A. Cohen for his extreme kindness and attention to the deceased.

Mrs. JOHN SULLIVAN wishes to return her most sincere THANKS to Col. H. P. Airey, D.S.O., Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Victoria Barracks, for the numerous wreaths, cards, and deep sympathy shown by one and all in her late sad bereavement.

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*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 30	April 5	April 7
*OPHIR	6910	J. F. Ruthven	Apl. 13	Apl. 19	Apl. 21
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FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL	Buninyong, This Day, Wed., 11 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Age, Tuesday, March 1, 12 noon
ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Buninyong, This Day, Wed., 11 p.m. (Cargo only.) Tyrian, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Age, Tuesday, March 1, 12 noon. Gabo, Tuesday, March 1, 5 p.m.
BUNBURY, FREMANTLE, GERALDTON	Buninyong, This Day, Wed., 11 p.m. Gabo, Tuesday, March 1, 5 p.m. (no transhipment.) See Special advertisement.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON	Peregrine, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Barrabool, Tues., March 1, 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m.
BUNDABERG, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA POINT, GERALDTON, CAIRNS, &c., &c.	Peregrine, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m.

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BUNBURY, FREMANTLE, and GERALDTON,
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For ALBANY and FREMANTLE, Transhipping to all North-western Ports.	S.S. WOLLOWRA, TUESDAY, March 1.
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NAMBUCCA RIVER, via Macleay.—Burrawong, Friday, 9 a.m.
MANNING RIVER—Coraki, To-morrow, 2 p.m.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

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S.S. MURRAY
will leave Market Wharf, THURSDAY, at 1 o'clock sharp. First-class accommodation for passengers.
Cargo daily. A. KETHEL.

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STEAMERS LEAVE
CIRCULAR QUAY—7.30, 8, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.15, 6, 7.30, 9.30, 11.15.
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Weather permitting, and as far as practicable.
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Chiswick, Blandville, Abbotsford, and Gladesville—7, 8, 9.15, 10, and 11 a.m.; 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 8, 9, 9.15, 10.30, and 11.15 p.m.
Tennyson, Cabarita, Putney, Mortlake, Walker Hospital, and Ryde—7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m.; 12 noon; 1, 2, 3, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 8, 10.30, 11.15 p.m.
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On SATURDAYS Steamers will leave at 12.15 and 1.15 p.m., instead of 12 and 1 p.m.

S.S. WOOLLOOMOOLOO, for LONDON.
ALL ACCOUNTS against the above Steamer must be rendered in DUPLICATE at the office of the undersigned by noon THIS DAY, Wednesday, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
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FOR SALE, 19ft. C.B. ½-decker LUGGER and canvas Pulling Dingy. Apply Lugger, Herald Office.

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FOR SALE, the Ketch VENTURE, 25½ tons register new and well found, suitable for the island trade now trading between Sydney and Forster.
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Public Notices.

Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,
341 Pitt-street, Sydney,
21st February, 1898.
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MOSMAN.
NOTICE is hereby given that for the purpose of carrying out certain improvements in the Borough of Mosman the WATER SUPPLY will be SHUT OFF from Cowles-road easterly on WEDNESDAY, 23rd instant, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.
By order.
(61-61) WILLIAM HOLMES, Secretary.

A NOTICE. A.
THE
BLICKENSDERFER TYPEWRITER.
Made in U.S.A. Made in U.S.A.
On and after March 1, 1898, the Price of the Blickensderfer Typewriter will be £10 net cash. Orders booked previous to that date will be booked at £8 10s. Prompt net cash on delivery only, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
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TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2.30 p.m.
PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY—
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CHAMPAGNE BISCUITS.
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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
The PARTNERSHIP subsisting between HENRY EDWARD RUSSELL and HERBERT WARWICK CHAMBERS, under the name of H. E. Russell and Chambers, Financial Agents and Accountants, has this day EXPIRED by effluxion of time.
Dated this 18th day of February, 1898.
H. E. RUSSELL.
H. W. CHAMBERS.
Witness—CHARLES E. GODDARD.

IN the Assigned Estate of EUGENE DOUST, Harrington.
All CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered to me on or before TUESDAY, the 1st March, otherwise they will not be recognised.
ALBERT BORCHARD,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-building,
George-street.

MR. H. W. CHAMBERS (late H. E. Russell and Chambers) has commenced Business as a FINANCIAL AGENT and ACCOUNTANT at No. 1 Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, next Union Bank.

W. A. DIXON, F.I.C., F.C.S., late Lecturer in Chemistry and Metallurgy, Technical College, has REMOVED to 97 PITT-STREET, where he has opened a LABORATORY for Analytical and Assay Work and Consultation on Chemical Matters.
Mr. Dixon has a VACANCY for a PUPIL.

TO Merchants and Brokers.—We Produce and have on SALE, Star Antimony Pig Lead, Solder, and Patent White Metal, and Phosphor Bronze, Type and Linotype Metal. C. LUKE and CO., Smelting Works, Botany-rd., A.

NOTICE.—The Beverage of the Day.—Oertel's Sparkling KOLA. Guaranteed the best African Kola Nut used in its preparation. Delicious, refreshing, and invigorating. Large and split bottles. Works, 403 Pitt-st.

JAS. H. ADGER, Dermatologist, treats successfully all diseases of the skin and scalp, loss of hair, premature blanching, and general cultivation and growth of the hair. Advice and remedy, 10s 6d. Next Australia Hotel, Sydney.

KLONDYKE.—Ticket to Vancouver for Sale, cheap. Tickets Bought and Sold. 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

LECTA Digestive Tea.—Gold Medal Brussels Exhibition, 1897. All chemists. Marshall Bros., Pitt-st.

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POSTAL BOXES for Watches, Spectacles, Cutlery, Electroplate, &c. Wm. Brooks and Co., 22 Bridge-st.

TO MASONS.—Brother seeks Empl'mt, draper, g. penman, caretaker, any place tr., g. refs. Needy, Herald.

THE CITY LAUNDRY, 13 Elizabeth-st., nr. Hunter-st. Work Promptly Executed. M. Hygeia.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

HANNAN'S REWARD NORTH GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that all SHARES in the abovenamed Company upon which the Fourth Call of Sixpence per Share, due 10th November, 1897, remains UNPAID, will be SOLD by Auction, in the Vestibule of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide, on TUESDAY, the 8th MARCH, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.
Shares may be Redeemed up till 4 o'clock on the day previous to sale.
By order of the Board,
HEDLEY L. TODD,
Secretary.
Brookman's-building, Adelaide,
February 23, 1898.

A POINTER . . . . IN FOOTWEAR.—
'TIS A FEAT
TO FIT SOME FEET!
But I'll take you into my confidence, and make a "bold," "bald" (but not "bad") statement, and that is that I have never come across . . . .
. . . A FOOT . . .
THAT I COULD NOT FIT.
'TIS A FACT!
WHICH NO ONE CAN DENY.
MY BOOTGEAR ARE STILL
EXCELLING IN WEAR, STYLE, AND COMFORT.
JOHN HUNTER,
THE BOOT KING OF AUSTRALASIA,
CITY BOOT PALACE,
GEORGE and MARKET STREETS, SYDNEY.
BRANCHES all over the City, in all principal Suburbs and Country Towns of N.S.W.
Ask for the VITALITE SOCK, Non-conductor of Heat and Cold; very Durable. Saves Hosiery. Will wash.
Obtainable only from
JOHN HUNTER.

THE Beneficial Change from HELIDON SPA due to elimination of effete material, via skin and kidneys.

Meetings.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL PERMANENT, BUILDING, AND LAND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, on MONDAY EVENING, February 28th, at half-past 7 o'clock.
Business of the Meeting:
To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the financial year ended January 31.
To elect two Directors in the place of Messrs. E. MacDonald and A. H. Nash, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and have given the required notice that they are candidates for the office.
To elect two Auditors, the candidates being Messrs. James Robertson and Henry Pratt, the retiring auditors, and George Christie.
And to transact such other business of which due notice shall have been given.
By order of the Board.
THOMAS DAVIS,
Manager.
February 10th, 1898.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.
NOTICE.
The Twenty-seventh Annual General MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held at the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, THIS EVENING, the 23rd day of February, 1898, at 8 o'clock.
Business: To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the past year; to elect a President, two Directors, and one Auditor, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.
By order of the Board.
WILLIAM JARRETT, Manager.

L.O.L. No. 1—MEETING To-night, 8, Protestant Hall. Visitors invited. P. J. Paterson, secretary.

NORTH CENTRAL BROKEN HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirteenth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1898, at the office of the Company, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to Receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for half-year ended December 31st, 1897; to elect a Director in lieu of Mr. James A. Brown, and two Auditors in lieu of Messrs. James C. Taylor and J. J. St. Clair, all of whom retire, are eligible for re-election, and have given notice of their candidature; and to transact General Business.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.
Sydney, February 2nd, 1898.

THE BLETCHINGTON GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that the General MEETING of the Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 2nd, at Raphael's Hotel, Orange, at 8 o'clock p.m., to receive Report and Balance-sheet; to Elect one Director in lieu of W. S. Stabback, Esq., who retires, but is eligible, and offers himself for re-election; to Elect two Auditors in lieu of Messrs. F. H. M'Cushion and S. Jones, who retire; to consider the present financial position of the Company; and any other Business which may be properly brought before the Meeting. By order of the Board. H. E. DEEPER, Manager. Orange, Feb. 21, 1898.

Naval and Military Notices.

SIXTH VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT (AUSTRALIAN RIFLES).—A few RECRUITS of good physique are required to complete the establishment of this Regiment. Apply Orderly Room, Queen's-square, Hyde Park, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Natives of Australasia preferred. Only men of good character need apply.
F. A. WRIGHT, Lt.-Col.,
(1c-112) Commanding 6th V. I. Regt.

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A HANDSOME reliable Bay GELDING, suit family, carries lady, £15; a Bay Cob, £12; Bay Cob, £11; a Ladies' Pony, £6; a pretty Sulky Mare, most reliable, £10. Several others. Any trials given.
A Miniature PONY, best child's pony in Sydney, neat Sulky and Harness. No reasonable offer refused.
SULKIES.—THE CONQUEROR, Slide, Jump, Bent, and Straight Shafts, guaranteed. All Clients can depend upon HONEST treatment. A Pretty Char-a-banc, carry 6, suit family, cheap. Piano-box Buggy, £7, perfect order. Turnouts Sold, cash, terms, or exchange.
GALVAYNE, 127 Castlereagh-street.

FOR SALE, Chestnut PONY, Sulky, and Harness; also, Grey Pony, 14 hands high, broken to saddle and harness; will sell cheap; no further use. Apply Frankfort Hotel, Marrickville.

FOR SALE, four Yankee OMNIBUSES and 40 Sets of Harness. Apply J. M'Grath, 6 Broughton-st., Glebe.

STYLISH hooded light Village Cart, Sarven wheels, £8 15s, real bargain. 37 Bent-st., Paddington.

SALE, 3-spring Village CART, nearly new; Mare, Harness. Mackintosh, Cary-st., Birkenhead.

DOUBLE removal seated BUGGY, good order, no reas. offer refused. J. M'Carthy, West-st., N. Sydney.

FOR SALE, neat VILLAGE CART, perfect order, sell cheap. 50 View-st., off Booth-st., Annandale.

GOOD Set Nickle Cab HARNESS. P. Dawes, cor. Harris-st., Pyrmont, Br.-rd., Pyrmont.

FAST Bay MARE, suitable for cab or sulky. At 396 Pitt-st., Haymarket.

FOR Private SALE, Stallion PONY, 12.2, broken sadd., harn., perf. quiet. Ivery's Hotel, Wilson-st., Redfern.

BUTCHER'S Cart, Horse, Harness, £6; Dealer's Turnout, £6; V. Cart, Pony, Har., £5. 25 Greek-st., Glebe.

FOR SALE, a first-class Spring VAN, in perfect order, a bargain. Apply 133 Glebe-rd.

VAN (2), Horse, and Harness, must sell, £5 10s. Parker, Castlereagh-st., 2 doors from Devonshire-st.

FOR SALE, good Horse, cheap, suit butcher, owner has no further use. Edith Villa, Burwood-rd. Burwood.

RELIABLE PONY, good Village Cart, and Harness. 45 Newtown-rd., Darlington, next Surreyville Acadm.

FIRST-CLASS Parcel Delivery Turnout, any trial, no reasonable offer refused. 12 Darlington-rd., Darl'ton.

THREE new SULKIES, wings, SALE, price £8 each. Near 706 George-st., Haymarket.

FIFTY VEHICLES of every description, new and second-hand; also, 50 Sets of HARNESS of different variety, new and second-hand; also several useful HORSES. E. BOURKE, 148 Castlereagh-street, city.

MOORE and SON, Oxford and Flinders sts.—Patent Revers. Sulkies, Sylph Pony Sulkies, Bradley, Dogc't.

SALE, cheap, no further use, handsome 14 hands Bay Pony, 4 yrs., Eng. Harn., Sulky. 693 Geo.-st., H'mk.

CHEAP, leav. Syd., Double-seated BUGGY, Hood, Pole, Brake Lamps, B. Geld., 4 y., Harn. 693 Geo.-st.

FOR SALE or Exchange, new BICYCLE for Pony Turnout, about £11 value. 257A Sussex-st.

FOR SALE, Chestnut PONY, 4 years, saddle and harness trial. Wales, 48 Nelson-st., Annandale.

AMERICAN Four and Two wheel DOGCARTS, Concords, and Phaetons, for horse or pony; Triple-seat Buckboards, Ladies' Low Phaetons, Sociables, Waggons, Sulkies, &c., reduced. KEARSY BROS., 252 Pitt-street.

WANTED, stylish PONY, sound and reliable, about 14 hands, quiet to trams; trial. Apply Wednesday, before noon,
FENTON, O. S. H.-road, Waverley.

WANTED to Purchase, good Second-hand Light CARRYALL, with pole and lamps; must be cheap. Apply by letter, and address
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WANTED, thoroughly good HORSE, about 15 hands suitable for doctor. F. C. Stephens, 167 Liverpool-st.

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DAVID JONES AND COMPANY'S SALE OF SURPLUS SUMMER STOCK.
TO-DAY AND FOLLOWING DAYS.
THIS WEEK ONLY.
ALL GOODS of a FASHIONABLE CHARACTER MUST BE SOLD IRRESPECTIVE OF COST,
and to ensure a Speedy Clearance some
REALLY REMARKABLE BARGAINS
are being offered as follows:—

Model Millinery, Model Millinery, Model Millinery	AT HALF PRICE.
Model Costumes, Model Costumes, Model Costumes	Reduced to Less than Half Price.

Cotton Dress Textures.	Original Price. Per Yard.	Reduced Price Per Yard.
Striped Batistes	0s 9½d	4½d
Floral Muslins	0s 10½d	6½d
French Sateens	1s 8d	12½d
Swiss Muslins	2s 0d	13½d
Fancy Striped Lawns	2s 3d	18½d
Silk Warp Zephyrs	3s 9d	16½d
Sun Bonnets and Hats, Children's Dresses, Ladies' Wrappers, Ladies' Tea Gowns, Ladies' Coloured Skirts		At Greatly Reduced Prices.

Woollen Dress Materials.	Original Price. Per yard.	Reduced Price. Per yard.
Shot Silk and Wool Materials	4s 6d	18½d
Silk Alpaca Serge	5s 9d	23d
Mottled Barege	3s 3d	23d
Fancy Alpacas	3s 11d	2s 3d
Fancy Dress Materials	4s 9d	2s 9d
EXCLUSIVE ROBE LENGTHS, in Artistic and Beautiful Colour Blendings.	35s / 42s / 50s / 86s / 100s	10s 9d to 16s 9d / 14s 6d / 22s 6d / 31s 9d / 37s 6d to 43s 6d

FANCY PARASOLS AT MUCH REDUCED PRICES.

	Original Price.	Reduced Price.
LACE MANTLES, at Genuinely Reduced Prices.	78s 6d / 100s / 115s 6d / 120s	50s 6d / 65s / 69s 6d / 78s 6d
SILK and LACE BOLEROS, at Genuinely Reduced Prices.	38s 6d / 46s 6d / 65s / 75s	25s / 29s 6d / 36s 6d / 45s

	Original Price.	Reduced Price
Ladies' and Children's SILK GLOVES in Day and Evening Shades.	2s 9d and 2s 11d / 3s 6d and 4s 6d	1s Per Pair / 1s 6d and 1s 11d Per Pair.
Best Milanese GLOVES	4s 6d / 5s 6d and 6s 6d	1s 6d Per Pair / 1s 6d and 1s 11d Per Pair.

REMNANTS AT HALF PRICE.
We cannot send these goods on approval at the prices quoted, so would ask a PERSONAL INSPECTION; or we shall be pleased to select if full particulars of requirement are sent.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN BROWNE, late of Macquarie-place, Singleton, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the sixth day of April, 1898, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this 22nd day of February, A.D. 1898. (Signed) R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar. ABBOTT, VINDIN, and LITTLEJOHN, Proctors for the Executors, 24 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.
In the Will of JOHN WHITTON, late of Montrose, North Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Civil Engineer, deceased.
APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration, with the Will annexed, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH WHITTON, the Widow of the said deceased.
FREDERICK WILLIAM WALKER,
Proctor for the Applicant,
36 Castlereagh-street,
Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY ANN COGHLAN, late of 46 Sloane-street, Summer Hill, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FREDERICK ALBERT COGHLAN, the Son of the said deceased. Dated this 22nd day of February, 1898. MARK MITCHELL, Proctor for the said Administrator, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARGARET ROBERTSON, late of Brungle, in the colony of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLES JAMES TURNER, the Sole Executor in the said Will named. FRANK TAYLOR, Proctor for the Applicant, Tumut. By his Agent, GEO. H. TURNER, Solicitor, Scott-chambers, 94 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT JOHN BOYD, late of 12 Glebe-road, Glebe, in the colony of New South Wales, Doctor of Medicine, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the undersigned, CATHERINE ALMA LILLAS BOYD, the Executrix named in the said Will.

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In THE MATTER of the DWELLERS THEREAT AND ROUND ABOUT, and of their DISCONTENT and DISGUST at THEIR OWN FOLLY.
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LOST, Gold Sleeve Link, North Sydney, between Town Hall and Reserve. Reward. Meira, Alfred-st.

LOST, between Waterloo and Erskineville Town Hall, small leath. Bag, money; reward. 43 Erskineville-rd.

LOST, Saturday last, Member's Ticket Sydney Cricket Grd., name J. F. Bugg, No. 1432. Holden, Regent-st.

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LOST, between Paddington, Redfern Railway Station, or 35 past 8 train to Strathfield, Sunday morning, Lady's Silver GUARD. Reward 40 Stewart-street, Paddington.

LOST, Sunday, from Harrison-street, Neutral Bay, St. Bernard DOG, light brown, white round neck. Anyone detaining him will be prosecuted.
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CANTERBURY PARK RACES.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1898.

SPECIAL TRAINS for FIRST and SECOND CLASS PASSENGERS will leave Sydney for Canterbury at 1.8 and 1.19 p.m.; and for Horses at 12.30 p.m.
RETURN FARES: First-class, 11d; Second-class, 8d.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSIONS TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY.

TICKETS AT SPECIALLY LOW FARES will be issued at Sydney and Suburban Stations to the Country by Special Trains leaving Sydney as under, available for return from Stations distant not exceeding 300 miles for 14 days from date of issue, and from Stations distant over 300 miles for 21 days from date of issue by specified trains :—

TO THE SOUTHERN LINE, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY (to stations on the Berrigan Extension, at 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, 24th February) :—

FARES FROM SYDNEY:

				1st Class, Return.	2nd Class, Return.
				s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ...	...	Dep.	p.m. 4 20	—	—
Goulburn	...	Arr.	11 45	23 0	11 6
			a.m.		
Cooma ...	...	„	5 40	44 0	22 0
Junee ...	...	„	6 40	48 0	24 0
			p.m.		
Hay ...	...		7 15	70 0	35 0
			a.m.		
Wagga ...	...	„	9 12	50 0	25 0
Albury ...	...	„	11 45	60 0	30 0

available for return BY THE FOLLOWING TRAINS :—Passengers from stations beyond Goulburn (including branches) by the Up Mail Train. Those from stations Harden to Yass inclusive may also travel by the 4.30 a.m. Mixed Train from Harden on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS, and passengers from stations Goulburn to Menangle inclusive by any train except the Up Mail and the Up Melbourne Express Trains during currency of tickets.

FIFTH TEST CRICKET MATCH.

RETURN TICKETS AT SPECIALLY LOW RATES will also be issued TO SYDNEY from the country as follows, available for return from stations distant not exceeding 300 miles for 14 days from date of issue, and from stations distant over 300 miles for 21 days from date of issue :—

FROM THE SOUTHERN LINE.
THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

From stations Albury to Marulan inclusive, by Mail Train leaving Albury at 2.45 p.m., from Southern Branch Line stations (except the Berrigan Extension) by Ordinary Mixed Train; from Junee to Frampton by Special Train from Junee at 7.20 p.m., and from stations Cootamundra to Menangle inclusive by Special Train leaving Cootamundra at 9.50 a.m., available for return as follows, viz. :—Passengers to stations Menangle to Goulburn inclusive by any train leaving Sydney except the Melbourne Express and 9 p.m. Mail; those to stations south of Goulburn, including branches (except Culcairn, Corowa Line and Jerilderie-Berrigan Extension) by Special Train leaving Sydney at 8.50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only. Passengers for stations between Goulburn and Harden may also travel by the 9.30 a.m. train from Sydney on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Passengers for stations on the Culcairn-Corowa Branch will return from Sydney by the 7.15 p.m. Melbourne Express train on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, during currency of tickets.

The EXCURSION from the BERRIGAN EXTENSION to Sydney will be run on WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, and passengers may return by the 9 p.m. Mail on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays up to Thursday, 17th March.

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FROM THE SOUTH COAST LINE.
FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

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Aria—"Ah! Fors è Lui" ("Traviata") Verdi. Madame ALBANI.
Solo Violin—Concerto in E Minor Andante Finale ... Mendelssohn. Miss NORA CLENCH.
Recit. and Aria—"Lend me your Aid" Gounod. Mr. ORLANDO HARLEY.
Air—"With Verdure Clad" ("The Creation") ... Haydn. Madame ALBANI.
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Song—"The Devout Lover" ... M. V. White. Mr. WILLIAM PAULL.
Song—"The Promise of Life" ... Cowen. Miss SARAH BERRY.
Solo Violin { "Air for G String" ... Bach. arranged by Wilhelmj. Miss NORA CLENCH.
Songs { a. "Robin Adair" ... Old Scotch. b. Waltz, "Romeo and Juliet" Gounod. Madame ALBANI.
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Duet—"Night Hymn at Sea" ... Goring Thomas. Miss SARAH BERRY and Mr. PAULL.
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Government Notices.

The Treasury, New South Wales, 21st February, 1898.
TENDERS will be received at the Treasury up to NOON of WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, 1898, for the supply of :—
(a) An Efficient Steam Tug Service for Port Macquarie from the 1st May, 1898.
(b) Coffee and Chicory for the Government Asylums for Infirm and Destitute, 1898-9.
(c) Crown Soap for the Hospitals for the Insane and the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, 1898-9.
(d) Tobacco for the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, 1898-9.
For further particulars see Government Gazette.
(2a-28) G. H. REID.

The Treasury, New South Wales, 21st February, 1898.
TENDERS will be received at the Treasury up to NOON of THURSDAY, the 24th instant, for the Supply of ONIONS, POTATOES, and VEGETABLES (section IV.) to the GOVERNMENT ASYLUM at LIVERPOOL during the month of March, 1898. For further particulars see Government Gazette.
(2a-27) G. H. REID.

Public Service Board, 50 Young-street, Sydney, 21st February, 1898.
APPLICATIONS are invited for the Position of Orchardist and Fruit Dryer at the Murrumbidgee Experimental Farm, near Wagga Wagga. Salary £200 a year, less £50 a year for quarters for a married man, or board and lodging for a single man.
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Applications, accompanied by testimonials as to fitness and character, should reach the undersigned not later than the 15th March.
By order of the Board,
J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

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WILLIAMS and CO., 120 King-st.—Grocery, doing cash trade, £45 weekly, valuation, £150.
GROCERY, taking £30 cash weekly, good residence, rent £1, no goodwill, valuation £110. Williams.
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INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, and Harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

TO DOCTORS, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, and Others.
HIGH-CLASS DOGCART TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to Sell by Auction at their Bazaar THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
Upstanding Bay Gelding, 15.3 high, splendid mover; HIGH-CLASS DOGCART (built by Angus), brand new, and Set of Brass-mounted Harness, made to order.
The above turnout is quite new, having been in use only a week, and is being sold solely on account of owner leaving colony.

TO 'BUS PROPRIETORS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.
6 HORSES, YANKEE OMNIBUS, HARNESS, &c.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to Sell by Auction at their Bazaar THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
6 Horses, in hard-feed condition; Yankee Omnibus, with staircase, in good order; 4 Sets of Harness, 6 Collars, 4 Pairs of Winkers, and 1 Set 4-horse Bars.

TO BE SOLD POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
UPSTANDING CHESTNUT GELDING.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. M'Kye to Sell by Auction THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
Chestnut Gelding, broken to saddle and harness, good mover and stylish; would make splendid cavalry horse.

ACTIVE BAY MARE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
Bay Mare, 5 years, 15.2 high, very staunch, and quiet in harness, subject to trial.

WAGGONETTE AND SET DOUBLE HARNESS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. J. QUODLING to sell by auction THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
Waggonette and Set Double Harness, in first-class order, suitable for country.

SET BRASS-MOUNTED CARRIAGE HARNESS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
Set Brass-mounted Carriage Harness, English make, in tiptop order.

6 FIRST-CLASS VEHICLES. 6
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
2 First-class Sulkies, 1 Double-seated Buggy, and 3 First-class Vans. All in good order.

FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE.
To Indian Buyers, Private Gentlemen, Omnibus and Cab Proprietors, Carriers, Dealers, and Others.
HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
62 HEAD. 62 HEAD. 62.
FOR SALE,
AT THE CAMPERDOWN YARDS
on
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 2.30 p.m.
An exceptionally grand consignment of stylish Colts and Fillies direct from celebrated studs.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JOHN WORKMAN to sell by auction as above.
50 HIGH-CLASS HORSES, suitable for the INDIAN MARKET and for gentlemen's HACKNEY and HARNESS WORK. Also some splendid Lorry, Van, and 'Bus descriptions, 4, 5, and 6 years old, and in SPLENDID CONDITION.
THE ABOVE ARE DESCRIBED AS A VERY GRAND LOT, BEING THICKSET, HANDSOME, AND FULL OF QUALITY. THEY COMPRISE ONLY TWO BRANDS, HALF BEING FROM ONE STATION, and THE BALANCE FROM ANOTHER.
Also, on account of the SAME OWNER,
12 VERY USEFUL HORSES, comprising 4 good heavy Draughts, the balance useful light Harness Horses.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, February 24, at 11 o'clock,
On account of Messrs. M'Intosh Bros., S. M'Minn, T. Briggs, D. Butler, and other owners,
60 first-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
70 first-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

FAT PIGS. FAT PIGS. FAT PIGS.
STORE PIGS. STORE PIGS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m.,
on account of Mr. Chas. Kercher, Goulburn,
150 FAT and STORE PIGS, PER RAIL.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, February 24th, at half-past 3 o'clock,
20 Prime Fat Cattle, on account D. Butler
15 Ditto ditto ditto, ditto ditto S. M'Minn
20 Ditto ditto ditto, ditto ditto other owners.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, February 24th, at half-past 2 o'clock,
45 Prime Fat Calves, from Liverpool and Picton
45 Prime Fat Pigs, from Penrith
30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Goulburn.
30 Ditto ditto ditto, suburban lots
50 first-class Store Pigs.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
FRIDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 25th.
60 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES. 60
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above,
On account Mr. R. STAFFORD, TAMWORTH:
30 HIGH-CLASS COLTS and FILLIES, comprising principally upstanding light Harness and Saddle Horses, with substance and quality, in good condition, broken and unbroken.
_ Amongst the lot is a well-matched PAIR OF GREY COLTS, 5 years old, 15.2 high, handled to lead; also an UPSTANDING DAP. GREY GELDING, 6 years old, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness.
On account of Mr. W. KEEN, MOREE:
20 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, comprising USEFUL LIGHT HARNESS DESCRIPTIONS, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken; also several HEAVY and ACTIVE DRAUGHTS, in good condition.
Included in the lot is a GREY GELDING, a reliable hack or buggy horse; also TWO CREAMY PONIES, by Rock of Terror.
On account Mr. THOS. SCRIVEN, MOREE:
10 HEAVY AND ACTIVE DRAUGHT COLTS AND FILLIES, in good condition.
Full particulars later.

DAIRY STOCK and PLANT at NORTH BOTANY.
BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will Sell by Auction on the Premises of Mr. H. Palmer, Harris-street (off Coward-street), North Botany, THIS DAY, February 23, at 3 o'clock,
The Stock and Plant of a Flourishing Dairy Business, comprising 18 Cows in full milk, Horse, Cart, and Harness, Milk Cans, Buckets, Casks, Poultry, &c., &c. Also, the Goodwill of Milk Run, as a going concern.
The above will first be offered in one lot; if sale is not effected each item will then be sold singly.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

SPECIAL SALE OF HORSES, VEHICLES, &c.
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30 o'clock,
On account of Mr. W. Curnow.
Bay Gelding, Village Cart, and Harness. For positive sale.
On account of Curator of Intestate Estates.
In the Estate of the late — Reilly.
Bay Mare, Hooded Carryall, and Harness. In good order. To be sold WITHOUT RESERVE.
On account of Owner.
First-class Alderney Cow, a splendid milker
Bay Pony Mare, broken to saddle and harness, quiet and used to children; also Saddle and Bridle.
NO RESERVE.
On account of Mr. R. Thompson, Grafton.
Chestnut Gelding, 5 yrs., thoroughly quiet and good in harness. A very useful horse.
On account of Mr. James Ell.
DAIRYMAID, racing Pony Mare, 14 hands, by Dalkeith.
On account of Owner.
6 useful Saddle and Harness Horses, used to trams, and subject to trials
Bay Mare, Hooded Sulky and Harness
3 new 3-spring Sulkies, 2 Village Carts.
On account of Owner.
Handsome Dapple Pony, silver mane and tail, broken to saddle and harness.
On account of Mr. T. M. Slattery.
Superior Victoria, with pole and shafts, and Set of Double Harness.
On account of Mr. Vintiner.
Light Victoria, in good order.
On account of Mr. Wilshire.
Hooded Sociable, Hooded Carryall.
On account of Owner.
Handsome Bay Mare
Superior S.S. Hooded American Buggy and Harness, in good order. For Sale Without Reserve, as owner has no further use for it.
On account of Owner.
Taffy Pony Mare, broken to saddle and harness, quiet to trams, and a good goer.
Light Sulky, by Angus, in splendid order, and Set of B.M. Harness.
On account of Executors in the Estate of the late Emily A. Sutton.
Hooded Victoria Park Phaeton, all leather trimmings, by Kearny Bros., a special prizetaker.
Double-seat Buggy, with Brake, &c., very strongly built.
Village Cart, in good order
Set of S.M. Harness, suit Victoria, &c.; Set of Buggy Harness, Hogskin Saddle, and Bridle
Risk of former purchaser, unless previously satisfied.
1 Hooded Park Phaeton, 1 Sulky with brake.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from C. B. Fairfax, Esq., to sell by auction, at his Bazaar, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 12 o'clock,
Cream PONY MARE, 12½ hands high, silver mane and tail, by Bonnie Charlie from Etna (Arab mare).
This Pony is a perfect model, very quiet, and broken to saddle.

A LIGHT stylish DOGCART, Brass Harness, splendid Cob. 12 To-day, G. Kiss's Bazaar.

CITY YARDS.
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.
J. C. YOUNG and CO. will sell by auction, as above, at 10 o'clock,
50 Prime Fat Calves, from Wallendbeen
30 Prime Fat Calves, from Breeza
15 Prime Fat Calves, from the Hunter.

WANTED to HIRE, for term of years, by responsible Gentleman, FURNITURE and EFFECTS for eight rooms and offices. J. H. S., Herald Office.

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TO LOVERS OF THE BEAUTIFUL.
MAGNIFICENT ART TREASURES.
One of the
FINEST COLLECTIONS of HAND-PAINTED HIGH-ART CHINA and
other Objets d'Art the colony has ever seen.
Collected in Europe after much trouble and at great cost, and only lately arrived.
GRAND and MOST ATTRACTIVE SALE
by Public Auction on
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEB., at 11 a.m.,
of a
CONNOISSEUR'S SUPERB and VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION of ARTISTIC CHINA, Venetian Bronzes, MAJOLICA DECORATIVE WORKS of ART, from the Royal Factory, Florence.
The Catalogue, which is fairly descriptive of the sterling worth of the various articles to be sold, mentions amongst other varieties—
Lovely DRESDEN CHINA JARDINIERES
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Very Beautiful Dresden China Vases of exquisite designs
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VALUABLE VENETIAN BRONZE BARONIAL CLOCK, mechanism beautifully finished throughout
ELEGANT DRESDEN CHINA DRAWING-ROOM CLOCKS.
MAGNIFICENT FLORENTINE MAJOLICA JARDINIERES on MASSIVE PEDESTALS.
SUPERB Bric-a-brac DRAWING-ROOM CABINETS (Louis Quatorze), exquisitely decorated.
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CONNOISSEURS, COLLECTORS, Persons Interested in the PROMOTION of INDUSTRIAL FINE ART, DEALERS in OLD CHINA, HIGH-ART FURNITURE WAREHOUSEMEN, and the General Public.
DALWOOD and CO. have been favoured with instructions from a Connoisseur to Sell by Auction at their Rooms, 113 Bathurst-street (near George-street), on WEDNESDAY, 23rd February, at 11 a.m.,
The Whole of his VALUABLE COLLECTION of HIGH-ART CHINA and Bronzes, Magnificent LOUIS QUATORZE CABINETS, and a large Assemblage of Rarities of Art.
_ A GRAND DISPLAY THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY.
_ YOU ARE INVITED to VISIT GRATUITOUSLY the PUBLIC EXHIBITION of these Exquisite Gems.
_ NOW ON VIEW.
_ DESCRIPTIVE BOOK CATALOGUES obtainable at the Auctioneers' Rooms, or will be forwarded to any address on request through post.
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Fine Art and Furniture Auctioneers and Valuators,
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Telephone, 1076.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
AT OUR ROOMS,
275 PITT-STREET,
NEXT THE SCHOOL OF ARTS.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE
of
SUPERIOR FURNITURE,
removed to the rooms
FOR CONVENIENCE OF PURCHASERS.
INCLUDED in the NUMEROUS LOTS are—
A VERY FINE TONED PIANOFORTE, by NEUFELD, UPRIGHT GRAND, FULL TRICHORD, OVERSTRUNG, PURCHASED at a cost of 70 GUINEAS.
POWERFUL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, by SIMON, on the LIPP SYSTEM.
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOS by NARRON, BLUMOLF, BERTHOLD, STODDART, EAVESTAFF, and HELLER.
HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.
ELEGANT BAMBOO SUITE.
WALNUT and ALL GILT OVERMANTELS.
CARPETS and LINOLEUMS.
EXTENSION DINING TABLES, pat. screw, 6, 7, and 9ft.
SIDEBOARDS, in WALNUT and BEECH.
MASSIVE DINING-ROOM SUITE, solid Blackwood frames, and covered maroon skins.
AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, BOOKCASES.
SUITE of GLASSWARE, best quality.
ELECTROPLATE of all Descriptions, viz., Cruets, Combinations, Candelabras, Epergnes, &c., &c.
VERY FINE CHINA TEA SERVICE.
ELEGANT DINNER SERVICE.
PARIAN MARBLE VASES.
LARGE ASSORTMENT of MAJOLICA WARE.
STATE BEDSTEAD, ALL BRASS FOOTRAIL, with treble Woven Wire Mattress and best KAPOK BEDDING.
SEVERAL HEAVY BRASS-MOUNT. BEDSTEADS, with BEDDING COMPLETE.
MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE, comprising 7ft. WARDROBE, with extra size Hanging Compartment, Cupboards, Drawers, &c.
PAIR LARGE SIZE PEDESTAL TOILETS and TOWEL RAIL en suite.
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDROOM SUITES.
WARDROBES, TOILET PAIRS, COMBINATIONS. Some very CHOICE TOILET SERVICES.
KITCHEN DRESSER with Glass Doors, PATENT MANGLE, TWO COOKING RANGES, &c., &c.
☞ THE PIANOS WILL BE OFFERED at 12 NOON.
INSPECTION INVITED PREVIOUS TO SALE.
M. SYMONDS and CO. have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, February 23rd, at 10 a.m.
On the PREMISES, DARLINGHURST-ROAD, near Burton-street.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
A. G. JENKINS (274 Pitt-street) will sell as above THIS MORNING. WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, February 23rd, at 11 a.m.
At the Central Auction Rooms, 274 Pitt-street.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Drawing and Dining Room Suites, Overmantels, Austrian Chairs, Dining Tables, Sideboards, Bookcases, Chiffonieres, Double and Single Bedsteads and W. M., &c., Chests Drawers, Washstands and Ware, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Mangles, Safes, Dressers, Machines, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c., &c.
A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, February 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.
A. G. JENKINS will sell on the Premises, Reservoir-street, near Macquarie-street South, Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. WITHOUT RESERVE.

THURSDAY, February 24th, at 2.30 p.m.
On the Premises, 585 BOURKE-STREET, SURRY HILLS, opposite the old Carrington Ground.
VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Davenport Writing Table
Very Handsome Walnut Bevelled OVERMANTEL
Occasional Tables, Hallstand, Carpet
FULL-SIZED DOUBLE-ACTION HARP by ERAT, suitable for Orchestra or private use
AUSTRIAN SUITE, DINING TABLE, Linoleums
FIRST-CLASS WALNUT SIDEBOARD, Mirrors
VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, ORNAMENTS
DOUBLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS in unusually Heavy Brass Mounts, Fowcliffe Spring, and Best Bedding
VERY SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITE in Ash and Walnut
Single Bedstead, Curtains, Rugs, Hangings
Pine Wardrobe, Kitchen Dresser, Cutlery
HANDSOME CLOCK E.P. Ware, Crockery, Glassware
Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c., &c.
A. G. JENKINS (274 Pitt-street) has been instructed by Mr. W. B. M'FARLAN to sell as above TO-MORROW.

TUESDAY, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m.
Under instructions from the CURATOR of INTESTATE ESTATES, in the Estate of Charles John Lindal, deceased.
A. G. JENKINS, 274 Pitt-street, has been instructed to sell, on the above date, the COMPLETE FURNISHINGS of a BILLIARD SALOON, situated at Harris-street, Pyrmont, including 2 FULL-SIZED BILLIARD TABLES, by Hopkins and Stevens and Alcock and Co., a full service of CUES, RESTS, STANDS, MARKING BOARDS, SEATS, &c., &c. About 26 BALLS, POOL MARBLES, &c. Also, GAS FITTINGS and Shades, Linoleum, &c. Open to inspection on Monday afternoon, and prior to Sale on Tuesday; or the AUCTIONEER will arrange for view at any time. Telephone, 2628.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
GUILLE and CO. will auction, Without Reserve, at 38 Susan-street, quantity of Furniture, Tools, Spring-cart, Bicycle, &c., &c. Terms, Cash.

☞ MILLOWNERS, CONTRACTORS, SPECULATORS, AND DEALERS.
GUILLE and CO. will auction, Without Reserve, at 11 a.m. THURSDAY, 24th instant, at Old Naval Store, Circular Quay,
One Double-cylinder Vertical Engine and Marine (return tubular) Boiler, 7.6 diameter.
Also, very superior GAS ENGINE, in perfect working order
Shafting, Pulleys, &c., &c.
TERMS, CASH.

EXTENSIVE SALE BUILDING MATERIALS
contained in Three Large Cottages.
To be SOLD in LOTS suit buyers.
Under Instructions from HENRY CARDWELL.
Next FRIDAY, February 25th, at eleven o'clock.
No. 11, 14, 16 Cornwallis-street, Redfern,
adjoining Government Railway Workshops, Eveleigh.
350 Sheets Bright Clean Cor. Iron, long lengths
400 Joists, Studs, Rafters, and Plates
3000ft. First-class Lining Boards, T. and G., equal to new
Door Sashes, Windows
35,0ft. 6 x 1 Flooring Bds., worth attention buyers
Quantity Ridging, Capping, Piping, &c.
Immense Quantity Useful Lots, Building Timbers
Buyers, Property Owners, and Poultry Farmers invited.
GEO. F. BAINES, Auctioneer, Petersham, wishes to draw the attention of buyers to another of his bona-fide Auction SALES. No restriction. Every line to be cleared. Sale Friday, Feb. 25, at 11 o'clock. Terms, Cash.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE, TO-MORROW (Thursday), at 11 a.m., at 34 Little Underwood-street, Paddington. Superior Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Suite Furniture, B.M. Bedsteads, Wardrobe, Duchesse Toilets, Chests Drawers, Overmantels, &c., &c.
A. MITCHELL will sell by auction as above. See To-morrow's Herald. Office: 116 Abercrombie-st., city.

HORSES, HORSES.
JOSEPH LEEDS and CO. will sell by auction, at the Camperdown Yards, TUESDAY Next, March 1st, at 2.30 o'clock,
30 Head Horses, account W. Bowman, Esq., Balmoral.

THIS DAY,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23,
AT 11 A.M.
AT THE MART, 139 PITT-STREET.
IMPORTANT POSITIVE UNRESERVED TRADE SALE.
JUST LANDED.
Ex S.S. GUTHRIE, from HONGKONG.
16 packages
SUPERIOR RATTAN FURNITURE,
comprising
LOUNGES, COUCHES, ARMCHAIRS, SUITES, &c.
Also,
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE IMPORTERS,
50 Doz. JAPANESE TEA TRAYS
10 S.B. B.L. FOWLING PIECES
4 S. Seated HOODED AMERICAN BUGGIES
13 Cases BEDSTEADS
5 Pairs Grice and Harrison's ARCH CAB AXLES, 1⅛in., with solid flaps, Mail patent
5 Bales KAPOK
11 Cases SUPERIOR BRUSHWARE
1 Case Mossley's 78 E.P. CUTLERY
INVOICE of CARVERS
30 Cases NAILS, Assorted Sizes
3 Cases HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS
10 Cases AMERICAN AXES.
TO-MORROW,
THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
CONSIGNMENTS of GENERAL DRAPERY,
consisting of
FURNISHING DRAPERY.—Mattings, Carpet Squares, Table Cloths and Covers, Damasks, Towels, Curtains, Quilts, &c., &c.
CLOTHING, including Fine Serge and Sergerette Suits, Juvenile Suits and Trousers, Men's Tweed and Wd. Trousers, Shirts in Flannelette and Silk Stripe;
HOSIERY, comprising Men's Merino and Wool Vests and Pants, Fast Blk. ½-Hose, Silk Clocks, Cott. ½-Hose, Natural Wool Combinations and ½-Hose.
TWEED TROUSERINGS and SUITINGS in West of Englands, Scotch, and Yorkshire Goods.
Also,
2 Cases Ladies' Straw Hats
5 Cases Fancy Bone Dress Buttons, in original Packages.
20 Pieces FANCY STRIPED SILKS, New Shades
Just Landed, ex Mail Steamer.
HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY
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AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
139 PITT-STREET.

To the Furnishing Trade and Others.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET,
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24,
at 11 o'clock sharp.
ON ACCOUNT and RISK of THOSE CONCERNED.
Ex S.S. Menmuir.
415-3C—21 Rolls Matting, White, with Figures, 180 Thread
435-53—18 Rolls Matting, Plain White, 180 Thread
454-7 — 8 Rolls Matting, Green Pattern
462-3 — 2 Rolls Matting, 360 Thread.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above shipment, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, February 24, at 11 o'clock sharp.

TO THE WHOLESALE FURNISHING TRADE.
On Account and Risk of Shippers.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET,
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24,
AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
Just Landed, ex s.s. Guthrie.
The Last Shipment of the Season.
85 ORIGINAL PACKAGES
of
BLEACHED CANE AND RATTAN FURNITURE,
consisting of
DRAWING-ROOM SETTEES AND COUCHES, DRAWING-ROOM, OCCASIONAL, and RECEPTION CHAIRS.
ARMCHAIRS, VERANDAH CHAIRS, LOUNGES and LOUNGE CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S CHAIRS, &c., &c.
Also,
to Close Accounts,
BALANCES OF SHIPMENTS WALNUT OVERMANTELS.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, February 24, at 11 o'clock sharp.

TO THE FURNISHING TRADE AND OTHERS.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET.
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 24th INSTANT, at 11 o'clock.
SPECIAL SHIPMENT OF 25 CASES BEDSTEADS, comprising
6ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in. Half-testers
6ft. 6in. x 4ft. 6in. Half-tester, 2in. Tubular Brass Rod Head and Foot.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 BARRACK-STREET, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 24th INSTANT, at 11 o'clock.

TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FURNISHING, THE TRADE, &c.
THIS DAY,
WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.
At 146 ELIZABETH-STREET,
near Liverpool-street.
SPECIAL EXTRA
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
Under Instructions from Mr. P. HENRY and several other vendors.
Bedroom Suite, Combination Chests of Drawers
7 dr. Cedar Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands
Toiletware, Cedar Washstands, Cedar Toilet Table
Single and Double Bedsteads, Wire Mattr. and Bedding
3ft. 6in. HALF-TESTER BEDSTEAD (black and brass), with Wire Mattress, Kapok Bedding, and Hangings
8 x 4 Dining Table, Dinner Set, Tea Set
Cheese Covers, Fruit Plates, Tete-a-tete Sets
Vases, Sets of Jugs, Dessert Service, Tumblers
A. C. Couch, Cane Couch, Lounge Chairs, Folders
Linoleum, Carpet, Floorcloths, Gipsy Table
MASSIVE REAL LEATHER SUITE.
Octagon Occl. Tables, Tapestry Couch and Easy Chairs.
HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITE (Genoa Velvet)
Drawing-room Suites in Tapestry and Plush
HANDSOME 5ft. SIDEBOARD.
4ft. and 4ft. 6in. Sideboards, Chiffonier, Cedar Safe
6 x 2.6 Pine-top Tables, Enclosed Kitchen Dresser
Toilet Tables, Washstands and Ware, Pine Safes
4 x 4 and 5 x 4 Pine Top Tables
Austrian Chairs, Austr. Child's High Chair,
and a lot of
MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE and SUNDRIES.
N.B.—The Auctioneers desire to draw the attention of Intending Purchasers to the fact that the
GOODS MUST BE SOLD.
H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions to sell THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE THIS DAY.
Balance of Stock in Trust Estate of Country Storekeeper.
INDENTS, AGENTS' SAMPLES, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, &c.
JAMES BODD and CO. announce the above important Sale, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, THIS DAY, at 11 sharp.
General Drapery, Manchester Goods, Shirtings, Calicoes, Flannelettes, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Laces, Underclothing, Shirts, Mercery
Ready-made Clothing, Boots and Shoes
Large Lot Fancy Goods, Perfumery, &c.
200 (more or less) Lengths, Samples, Flannels, &c.
On account those concerned, ex S.S. Fifeshire, Apron Linen, Ladies' Linen Collars, Cuffs, &c., &c.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, THIS DAY, the unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. D. Collins, of the Mont de Piete East End Loan Office, 65 Oxford-street.
At 11 o'clock—Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 12 o'clock—Sundries, comprising Cutlery, Plated-ware, Musical Instruments, Books, Clocks, Revolvers, &c.
At 2 o'clock—Jewellery, consisting of Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings, Gold Alberts, Necklets, Lockets, Links, Brooches, Earrings, Bracelets, Pins, Links, &c.

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH,
at 11 a.m.
IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT
to
LADIES and GENTLEMEN
Furnishing in Good Taste.
ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION
at the Residence of
ERNEST BECRET, Esq.,
LES BUISSONS, AVOCA-STREET, RANDWICK,
of the Whole of his
ELABORATE and COSTLY
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, full particulars of which will duly be published, and descriptive book catalogues prepared.
WALTER BRADLEY and CO. have been favoured with instructions from ERNEST BECRET, Esq., to conduct the Sale of his Elaborate Household Furniture and Appointments on THURSDAY, 10th March, at 11 a.m., in consequence of his immediate departure for Europe.
TERMS, CASH.

WAVERLEY.
TO-MORROW, 24th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock.
Under instructions from Mr. BURTON, who is leaving for England.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
Oakville, Botany-street, Waverley, near Council-chambers.
Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising
SIDEBOARD, Austrian Chairs, Dining Table
Bookcase, Brussels Carpets
Superior Dinner Set, China and Glass, and Platedware
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE
Bordered Brussels Carpet
Drawing-room Suite
Superior sweet-toned Cottage PIANO, by Ascher Bros.
Pictures, Ornaments, and Mirrors
Walnut Card Table and other Appointments.
BEDROOM FURNITURE.
Cedar Wardrobes, plateglass doors
Cedar Toilets, Double and Single Chests of Drawers
Double and Single Black and Brass Half-tester Bedsteads and Bedding
The Furniture of other Bedrooms
Letter-press, Book Shelves, &c.
Patent Mangle, Enclosed Dresser, Tables, and all Kitchen Appointments
Several head of Poultry, Plants, &c.
H. Y. NORTON will sell at the above address, THURSDAY, the 24th, at 11 a.m.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
On VIEW THIS DAY from 2 o'clock.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.
GLEBE POINT.
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
No. 30 TOXTETH-ROAD, GLEBE POINT.
Under instructions from
J. H. PARRY, Esq.
The whole of his
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
including
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE,
DINING-ROOM, DRAWING-ROOM,
and
BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS.
VALUABLE PIANOFORTE,
by
GEIGER,
in Walnut Case, Iron Framed, and in first-class order, recommended as possessing fine qualities of Tone, Touch, and Resonance.
SUPERIOR BRUSSELS CARPETS.
JAMES R. LAWSON
(LAWSON and SMITH)
has been favoured with instructions from J. H. PARRY, Esq. to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at his residence, as above,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.
_ ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE

STRATHFIELD.
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.,
under instructions from
A. H. COLLIER, Esq.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
FULBOURN,
EVERTON-STREET, STRATHFIELD
(two minutes from the railway station).
The whole of his
SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
comprising
OAK HALL STAND and two Hall Chairs
ENGLISH OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE
HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, with lofty Silvered plate-glass back, wine Cellarette Drawers and Cupboards, size 6ft.
CARVED OAK DINING-ROOM SUITE, consisting of Couch, 2 Easy Chairs, and 6 Dining Chairs, in Morocco Leather.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, 8ft., with patent screw and spare leaves
HANDSOME OAK OVERMANTEL, with side galleries.
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
BORDERED BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARES.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in silk brocade
VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE
by
RICHARD LIPP and SOHN.
The instrument is one of the largest models, and is highly recommended.
BEDROOM FURNITURE.
SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE of superior English manufacture, comprising a HANDSOME DOUBLE WARDROBE with two bevelled-edged plateglass doors, centre cupboards, and cabinet of drawers, trays, drawers, and dress compartments, size 7ft.; FULL DUCHESSE PEDESTAL DRESSING TABLE with long mirror, bevelled edged, and beautifully shaped, size 4ft. 6in.; PEDESTAL WASHSTAND with rouge marble top, high tiled and mirrored back, and fitted with numerous drawers, size 4ft; Pedestal Cupboard, Towel Rail, and Chairs.
VERY SUPERIOR SOLID WALNUT CHEST OF DRAWERS, with brass handles.
BRASS and BLACK and BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS (double and single), with woven wire mattresses, &c., complete.
EXTRA WIDE SPRING-SEATED EUGENIE BEDROOM LOUNGE,
Upholstered in Cretonne.
THE FURNITURE OF OTHER BEDROOMS,
KITCHEN FURNITURE and REQUISITES,
&c., &c.
Also,
PHOTOGRAPHER'S OUTFIT,
comprising MODERN CAMERA by first-class maker, WHOLEPLATE ROSS LENS, Half-plate Dallmeyer Lens, Enlarging Apparatus, Dishes, &c., complete.
LADY'S PARK PHAETON,
built by Keary, almost new, with adjustable driving seat, can be used with or without coachman.
FIRST-CLASS SET OF HARNESS.
GENTLEMAN'S HOGSKIN SADDLE,
&c., &c.
JAMES R. LAWSON
(LAWSON and SMITH)
has been favoured with instructions from A. H. COLLIER, Esq., to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at his Residence, as above,
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.
_ ON VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, from 2.30 O'CLOCK in the Afternoon.
_ CATALOGUES can be obtained from THE AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, or at the RESIDENCE.

PETERSHAM.
FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock a.m.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
MORNINGTON,
corner of RAILWAY and CROYDON STREETS, PETERSHAM.
Under instructions from
Mrs. GEORGE WITHERS.
The whole of her
SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
including
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE.
MASSIVE WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
comprising—
MAGNIFICENT SIDEBOARD, specially manufactured in selected American walnut, boldly designed and very highly finished; size 7ft.
WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, made and designed en suite
WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE, consisting of Couch, 2 Carver's Chairs, and 12 Dining Chairs, upholstered in Morocco Leather
VERY HANDSOME WALNUT OVERMANTEL, with bevelled-edged mirrors and side galleries
SMALL IRON SAFE,
by Price, Wolverhampton.
BRUSSELS CARPETS,
including Drawing-room Carpet, 34 x 14.
MAHOGANY DRAWING-ROOM BUREAU.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, comprising 2 Settees and 6 various Occasional Chairs, upholstered in Tapestry and Plush.
MASSIVE WALNUT HALLSTAND,
boldly designed, with marble top, and also 2 Hall Chairs to match.
SUPERIOR BEDROOM FURNITURE.
HANDSOME WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, with Wardrobe, Dressing Table with Swing Mirror, Washstand with marble top, Towel Rail and Chairs
VERY SUPERIOR LARGE CEDAR WARDROBE, with plate-glass door, Drawers, Hanging Compartments, &c.
BLACK-AND-NICKEL HALF-TESTER DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, with Woven-wire Mattresses, and best quality Bedding, complete.
Also,
KITCHEN FURNITURE and REQUISITES,
PATENT MANGLE,
&c., &c.
JAMES R. LAWSON
(LAWSON and SMITH)
has been favoured with instructions from Mrs. GEORGE WITHERS to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at her Residence, as above, on
FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.
_ ON VIEW TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, from 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Important to Engineers, Machinery Merchants, Dealers, and others.
MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
on
THE PREMISES, 175-177 HAY-STREET,
lately occupied by
JOHN W. JAFFRAY and CO.
MACHINERY, STOCK, and PLANT,
comprising
WOODWORKING MACHINERY
BRICKMAKING MACHINERY
BONE-CRUSHING MACHINERY
and
MINING MACHINERY
ENGINE FITTINGS, LAMPS, PULLEYS
SHAFTING, BELTING, PIPING, STEEL
IRON, RAILS, and ENGINEERS' TOOLS.
Also,
OFFICE FURNITURE and FITTINGS
&c., &c., &c.
JAMES R. LAWSON
(LAWSON and SMITH)
has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above,
on
MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.
☞ CATALOGUES in course of Preparation.

Auction Sale Superior Well-kept FURNITURE.
Alfred-street, North Shore, top of Hill, opposite Church.
THURSDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 24th, at 11 o'clock.
To Parties on the Lookout for Something Good.
BONA-FIDE UNRESERVED SALE.
Under instructions from S. H. Dempster, Esq.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
including
Silver and Electro Plate, Glass, China, and Linen
Walnut Dining Suite, upholstered Morocco Leather, carved frames, nine pieces
Beautiful Walnut Massive Sideboard, with bevelled plate-glass back, with doors to match, cellarette
Superior Cedar Telescope Table
Dining Table with patent screw and spare leaves, extending 9ft.
Dark Walnut Bedroom Suite, superior finish, modern design
Toilets with marble top, Cupboard, T. Rail &c.
Black and Brass Bedsteads, Woven Wire Mattresses
Best quality Bedding
Two Bedrooms nicely Furnished throughout
Piano, by Collard and Collard, good condition
Dining-room Requirements
Kitchen and Laundry Effects, &c., &c.
Well worth Attention of Buyers.
GEO. F. BAINES, Auctioneer, Petersham, has been favoured with instructions from Mr. Dempster, manager Stewart, Dawson, and Co., who is relinquishing housekeeping.
The Furniture has been purchased regardless of cost, and buyers will find some very good lines of Furniture.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.—FRIDAY, February 25th, at 11 o'clock.—In the Assigned Estate of J. J. Gillespie, Boot Warehouse, William-street, city, Imperative, Absolute, and Totally Unreserved Sale of a superior Collection of BOOTS of all descriptions. Representing in value £350.
LEWIS PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, has been favoured with instructions to conduct this important Sale on the above date.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.
Office: 243 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE
of
SUNDRY PROPERTIES
to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET,
at Half-past Eleven a.m.,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

CITY (Deceased Estate).	PREMISES known as Nos. 208, 208A, 210, and 212 Castlereagh-street.
CITY (Mortgagee's Sale).	3 HOUSES, Nos. 12, 14, and 16 NITHSDALE-STREET.
CITY (Mortgagee's Sale).	BLOCK of LAND, LACKEY-STREET.
SURRY HILLS.	TERRACE of 6 HOUSES, Nos. 37 to 47 ANN-STREET.
SURRY HILLS (Mortgagee's Sale).	2 HOUSES, CROWN-STREET, and 2 HOUSES, LITTLE BLOOMFIELD-STREET, at rear.
SURRY HILLS (Mortgagee's Sale).	2 HOUSES, Bourke-street, and 2 HOUSES, Marshall-street, at rear.
PADDINGTON. (Mortgagee's Sale).	LAND, PADDINGTON-ST.
ROSEVILLE.	NEWLY - ERECTED COTTAGE RESIDENCE, fronting Victoria-street.
MARRICKVILLE.	LAND, fronting MARRICKVILLE-AVENUE and RANDALL-STREET.
BELLINGER RIVER (mortgagee's Sale).	FARM, of 40 ACRES.

HARDIE and GORMAN,
Auctioneers.

IN A DECEASED ESTATE.
LOT 1. PITT-STREET, REDFERN, close to Cleveland-street.—Argyle-terrace, comprising 6 brick-built HOUSES, each containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, &c. Four of the houses have stabling at rear. Total rentals, £350 yearly. The land has 120ft. 9in. frontage to Pitt-street, 122ft. 9in. to William-street at the rear, by a through depth of 224ft. 3in. Title, Torrens.
LOT 2. CLEVELAND-STREET, nearly opposite St. Paul's and close to Regent-street.—Two brick-built SHOPS, Nos. 347 and 349, one containing Shop, 2 rooms, kitchen, &c., and let at 10s per week; the other containing shop, 4 rooms, kitchen, &c. let at 12s per week. Land 25ft. frontage by a depth of 100ft. Title, freehold.
LOT 3. CHIPPENDALE, BANKS-STREET, just off Regent-street and Cleveland-street.—3 brick-built DWELLINGS, each containing 5 rooms, kitchen, &c., and let at 10s per week each. Land 40ft. frontage by a depth of 58ft. Title, freehold.
LOT 4. CITY.—Corner of KENSINGTON and DWYER STREETS, City, just off George-street West, and close to Tooth's Brewery.—SHOP, with 4 rooms and Dwelling at rear, 3 houses of 3 rooms each and 2 Cottages of 3 rooms each. Total rentals, £182 12s yearly. The land has 54ft. 9in frontage to Kensington-street and 60ft. to Dwyer-street. Title, freehold.
LOT 5. RANDWICK.—Close to the Town Hall. VACANT BLOCK of LAND, having 86ft. frontage to WOODS STREET, off Bae-street, by a depth of 130ft. to a lane at rear, being Lots 11 and 12 of St. Jude's Estate. Title, freehold. Plan on view.
LOT 6. PETERSHAM.—2 Blocks of LAND, containing areas of 1a. 3r. 7½p., and 3r. 5½p. respectively, having frontage to NEW CANTERBURY-ROAD, Kroombit-street, and to COBAR-STREET, being Lots 10 and 16, section 6, of the Petersham Estate. Plan on view. Title, Torrens.
LOT 7. HUNTER'S HILL.—Block of LAND, having 200ft. frontage to FARNELL-STREET, and 200ft. to BLAXLAND-STREET, by a through depth of 352ft., being lots 7 and 8, section 8, of the Government Subdivision. Title, Torrens. Plan on view.
Also,
ELIZABETH-STREET, CITY, opposite Hyde Park, ARTHURSLEIGH TERRACE, comprising three brick-built Houses, erected on a block of land having 64ft. frontage to ELIZABETH-STREET, by a depth of 61ft. The property is well and faithfully built of brick on stone foundations, with slate roof; each contains hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, pantry, servant's room, bathroom. Total reduced rents, £500 yearly.
Fuller particulars of this property will be advertised in due course.
HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, in their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., on
NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1898,
The above described Properties.

SHOP PROPERTY AT RANDWICK.
FOUR BRICK-BUILT SHOPS and DWELLINGS, situate fronting AVOCA-STREET, at the corner of MEARS-AVENUE, at the tram terminus, and in one of the best positions in this advancing suburb.
Two of the shops each contain shop, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, &c. One shop has an additional room to this, and the corner shop has two additional rooms. Total rental, £292 10s yearly. The land has 72ft. frontage to Avoca-street, by a depth of 92ft. 9in. along Mears-avenue to a lane at rear.
HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 11.30 a.m., on
NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1898,
The above-described splendid Shop Property at Randwick.

In the Centre of Warehouses and Stores, between the properties of the Eagle Tobacco Factory and John See, Esq., close to Messrs. Lassetter and Co., John Keep and Sons, M'Arthur and Co., and John Connell and Co.
KENT-STREET, east side, between King and Market streets.—Block of vacant LAND, having 101ft. 3in. frontage by a depth of about 60ft. to a right-of-way which leads into CLARENCE-STREET.
_ A desirable site for anyone requiring a subsidiary Store position or for the Erection of 4 Stores, which would let readily. A retaining wall has been built at the rear at a considerable cost, and a party wall has been arranged for on the north side.
HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell the above Land, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., on
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1898.
PLAN ON VIEW.

THE NEW PINNACLE GROUP SILVER-MINING CO., No Liability.
The following SHARES forfeited for non-payment of call will be offered at Auction, in our Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1898:—
Consecutive Numbers.

51,001	to	53,500	62,501	to	64,100
54,291	to	55,800	64,301	to	65,300
55,001	to	55,200	65,401	to	71,000
56,351	to	56,700	71,501	to	71,700
56,001	to	58,700	71,801	to	72,400
59,101	to	59,300	72,001	to	76,400
59,301	to	59,400	77,001	to	77,300
59,501	to	59,700	78,001	to	79,400
60,201	to	60,300	80,401	to	81,400
61,401	to	61,600	81,501	to	87,500
61,701	to	62,100	91,501	to	100,000
62,201	to	62,300			

HARDIE and GORMAN,
Auctioneers.

ORDER OF SALE
of
PROPERTIES to be submitted by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW, 24th FEBRUARY, at 11.30, by
HUGH DUFF and CO., at their Salerooms,
109 Pitt-street.

NEWTOWN. 7 and 9 Newman-street, best part of Newtown.	Compact INVESTMENT.—Two well-built Brick HOUSES, each containing drawing and dining rooms, folding doors, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, pantry, lobby, laundry, fuel shed, balcony, &c., in first-class condition. Annual Rents, £96 4s.
BOWRAL, 5 minutes from station.	Splendid BLOCK of 10 Acres, being Lots 6 and 7 of Bunnymede Park Estate, fronting Burradoo-road.
PYMBLE, handy to station. Absolute Sale.	Elevated Position. — ORANGERY of 8 Acres, all young trees, and in full bearing, 2-roomed Cottage and shed.
ANNANDALE SOUTH, 63 Albany-road. 2 minutes from Stanmore Station. ; Must be sold.	Detached Brick COTTAGE, slate roof, hall, 4 rooms, folding doors, kitchen, pantry, washhouse, shed, yard asphalted.

IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HENRY TRAILL.
Under instructions from L. T. Lloyd, Esq., Official Assignee.
The OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE'S RIGHT, TITLE, and INTEREST (if any) in and to the one-eighth (1-8) part or share in all that piece or parcel of Land situate in the COUNTY of BOWEN, QUEENSLAND, near Bundaberg.
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
109 Pitt-street.

TO INVESTORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHERS.
CITY INVESTMENT.
WARBY'S HOTEL,
CORNER OF KING AND PITT STREETS.
KEY POSITION.
WITHOUT EXCEPTION
THE BEST CORNER IN THE CITY.
THAT VALUABLE PROPERTY SO WELL AND FAVOURABLY KNOWN AS WARBY'S HOTEL, Let on Long LEASE TO W. J. PACKER, Esq.
THE HOTEL contains LARGE BAR FITTED IN MOST MODERN STYLE, LARGE DINING-ROOM, 2 SITTING-ROOMS, 16 BEDROOMS, Kitchen, Pantries, &c., and every convenience required for a FIRST CLASS HOTEL.
LET ON GOOD LEASE.
ANNUAL RENTS, £2418 NET.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions, on account of owner's immediate departure for Europe, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at THEIR SALE ROOMS, 109 PITT-STREET, on
THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, at 11.30,
The above Valuable Property.
N.B.—THE ATTENTION of those desirous of INVESTING TRUST FUNDS is specially directed to this property

KURRAJONG.
THE FAMOUS MIGHELL ESTATE.
OVER 200 ACRES OF LAND
adjoining
NORTH RICHMOND.
ALL SUPERIOR ORCHARD LAND
and
VIRGIN SOIL,
subdivided into compact
ORCHARD BLOCKS
from 5 to 10 acres each.
HOUGH BROS. have received instructions from the Executrix in the Estate of the late D. W. MIGHELL, to sell by public auction at the
ROYAL HOTEL, RICHMOND,
on
SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, INSTANT,
to commence at 2 o'clock sharp,
THE WHOLE OF THE ABOVE ESTATE.
Title perfect.
Lithos on application to Auctioneers.
TERMS—25 per cent. deposit, balance of purchase money up to £100 to extend over 3 years, and over £100 to extend over 5 years, payable in equal annual instalments all bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.
Included in the above Estate is a Farm of about 20 acres, under cultivation; also a small citrus fruit orchard in splendid condition. The whole of the above land is equal to any in the colony for the production of citrus and summer fruits, having deep chocolate and black soils underlaid with shale, and all having an eastern aspect.
This Estate adjoins the Village of North Richmond, and is about 2 miles from the Richmond Railway Station by first-class roads.
Full particulars on application to the Auctioneers at Richmond.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Brass-mounted Single and Double Bedsteads, Household Furniture, Chairs, Tables, Couches, Washstands, Crockery, Large Stove, Paints, Varnish, Clothing, Watches, and sundries. Without Reserve.

In the ESTATE of the late Mr. R. ROBLEY.
IMPORTANT SALE
of VARIOUS CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES.
For Positive Sale, by order of the Executors.
1. CITY.—A Two-story Shop and Dwelling, No. 145 Regent-street, a few yards north of Cleveland-street. It is built of brick on stone foundation, with awning in front, and containing hall, shop, 5 rooms, and kitchen, wooden shed. Land 20ft. x 82ft., lane entrance at rear. Rental £52 per annum.
2. REDFERN.—A Corner Block of Land, having frontages of 50ft. to Cleveland-street (south side) and 76ft. 3in. to Hart-street (east side), on which are erected the following premises:—
Nos. 371 and 373 CLEVELAND-STREET.—Two two-story Houses of brick on stone foundations, with verandahs and balconies in front, and containing each 4 rooms and kitchen.
No. 375 CLEVELAND-STREET.—A W.B. Shop, with awning in front, and containing 2 apartments and stable.
No. 1 HART-STREET.—A two-story Brick House, with verandah and balcony in front, and containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse.
3. REDFERN.—Winburn Cottage, comprising No. 92 Abercrombie-street, south of Cleveland-street. It is built of brick on stone foundations, with verandah (tiled) in front and verandah at rear, and containing half hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, pantry, and kitchen, washhouse and cellar in basement, detached wooden stable, with loft over. Land 3..ft. x 86ft. 6in. back to a lane.
4. CAMPERDOWN.—A Corner Block of Land, having 80ft. to the north side of Parramatta-road opposite the Town Hall and about 149ft. to the east side of Chester-place, on which is erected Chester-terrace, seven two-story Houses, fronting Chester-place, built of brick (cemented) on stone foundation, with verandahs and balconies in front, and containing each 4 rooms and kitchen.
_ The Parramatta-road frontage is vacant, and the property will be sold in ONE or TWO LOTS to suit purchasers.
5. NORTH BOTANY.—A Block of Land, having 188ft. frontage to the north side of High-street, west of Botany-road, with a depth of 90ft., on which is erected a Weatherboard Cottage, verandah front and rear, and containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and detached sheds. In one or two lots.
6. CANTERBURY.—Extensive and Valuable Block of Land, in area ELEVEN ACRES, having frontages to Cook's River and the Belmore Railway Line, and several side streets, south-east of the Canterbury Railway Station, on which is erected a commodious stone Building, containing 3 floors, formerly occupied by the Colonial Sugar Co., and more recently as Blackett's Engineering Works and Foundry.
_ The sale of this important property affords an opportunity to MANUFACTURERS, BREWERS, IRONFOUNDERS, or ENGINEERING FIRMS of securing an exceptionally USEFUL PROPERTY, with RAILWAY FRONTAGE and an unlimited WATER SUPPLY. The building upon the land is constructed in a most solid manner of stone, and contains spacious basement and 2 floors above.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock,
The above Properties. (3005)

LIBERTY-STREET, ENMORE
A comfortable commodious COTTAGE and ample grounds, No. 11 Liberty-street, known as APSLEY, tenanted by the Misses Harriott, as a Ladies' College. It is of brick, on stone, shingle roof, with verandah in front, balcony at rear, and containing hall, nine rooms, enclosed court, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, washhouse.
A desirable residence in a well-established, select neighbourhood, convenient to tram.
Land has 80ft. frontage by a depth of 110ft.
Vendor is desirous to realise.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 25th February, 1898.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (3042)

HOTEL, CROWN-STREET, Woolloomooloo.
QUEEN'S HOTEL, Crown-street, north of William-street.
DWELLING-HOUSE, adjoining. The former is of brick on stone, containing 13 rooms; the latter has 4 rooms and kitchen. Land 34ft. 2in. frontage Crown-street x 75½ft. depth along Campbell-place. Hotel let for 10 years from 9th February, 1898, at £3 10s per week and taxes. House let at 12s per week.
Total, £213 8s YEARLY.
A central position in a populous district. Wharf activity is growing in the Bay.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11 o'clock.
(3026) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

FREEHOLD, WATERLOO.
Lots 6, 7, and 8, Section 2, having in all 183ft. frontage to HIGH-STREET, by a depth of 155ft.; handy to tramline and main road. District is becoming more populous, and this land is FREEHOLD.
Thomas Marshall, 70 Pitt-street, Solicitor for owner.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11 o'clock.
(3035) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

SIXTEEN AND THREE-QUARTERS ACRES, GORDON.
A Healthy Climate, on Hornsby Line, near Gordon Station, School, &c.
A splendid BLOCK, adjoining Mr. LOVE'S Site (all paling fenced), chiefly good soil, and commanding beautiful views. Land here will enhance in value. It is Lots 4, 5, and 6, of Section 2, of Subdivision of THORN'S GRANT.
Vendor intends to Realise.
Plan on View at the Rooms.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11 o'clock.
(3033) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
WOOD'S-AVENUE, off WALLIS-STREET, WOOLLAHRA.
FOUR Unfinished COTTAGES, of brick on brick foundations, slate roof, with verandah and balconette in front, and containing each half-hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse. Title, leasehold, having about 37 years and 3 months to run; ground rent, £30 per annum.
Land 60ft. x 77ft. 10in. along a passage, and back to a passage at the rear.
Messrs. FRASER and BELISARIO, 60 Castlereagh-street, Solicitors for the Mortgagee.
AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock.
(3043) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

STANMORE,
South Side of Line, and Near Station.
Detached VILLA, No. 81 TRAFALGAR-STREET, of brick, front tuckpointed, slate roof, verandah and balcony front and rear, and containing hall, 8 rooms, kitchen, laundry, pantry, bathroom; land, 27ft. frontage by 100ft. AUCTION SALE, at our Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11.30 a.m. For POSITIVE SALE; owner leaving district; TORRENS TITLE; sewer.
(3034) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

BURRADOO, SOUTHERN LINE,
adjoining Bowral.
MILTON, a charmingly situated COTTAGE, with about 4 ACRES of LAND, fronting BURRADOO-ROAD, opposite the Estate of BRUCE SMITH, Esq., adjoining Mr. Georg's, and near property of Dr. Chisholm.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11 o'clock,
The above commodious, substantial, and attractive home, in a popular resort during summer, Torrens title, well-known as Mr. Mowle's.
CARDS to view on application. (3024)

ARGYLE BISCUIT FACTORY,
KENDALL-LANE, ARGYLE-STREET,
off GEORGE-STREET,
SYDNEY.
THE BUILDING is most substantially built, chiefly of stone, slate roof, almost entirely of four stories; 106ft. x 53ft., x 49ft. 6in., three frontages.
THE MACHINERY comprises 16-h.p. Engine and Boiler, three Ovens (two travelling capacity, 3½ tons per day), 3 Cutting Machines, 4 Mixers, 2 Brakes, Boot Machine, Drop Machine, Fruit Cleaner, Egg-beater, &c., &c.
The Plant is of modern type in excellent condition, and would be sold separately.
INSPECTION INVITED, for which purpose Cards to view, obtainable on application to the Auctioneers.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 25th February, 1898, at 11 o'clock,
The above Argyle Biscuit Factory. (3040)

HEIGHTS OF LEICHHARDT.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
PRINCE'S END, a delightfully situated COTTAGE RESIDENCE with over TWO ACRES of GROUNDS, fronting HILL-STREET, between Catherine-street and Balmain-road. It is of brick (painted) on stone, slate roof, verandah front and rear, and containing half hall, 4 rooms, bedroom, bathroom and sewing-room in side verandah, detached kitchen and bedroom of weatherboards, brick room, detached building of weatherboards, containing washhouse, fuelshed, office, and 2 bedrooms, stables, feedroom and sheds of wood and iron. The grounds have ornamental trees and flower plants there is a vegetable garden. The land has 300ft. frontage to Hill-street with a depth of about 290ft.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above Residence and Grounds.
Messrs. RUSSELL and RUSSELL are Solicitors of the Mortgagees. (3025)

NO. 67 HOLT-STREET, SURRY HILLS, north of Devonshire-street.
A Two-Storey HOUSE of brick on stone foundation, with balcony at rear, and containing 5 rooms, kitchen, and wooden washshed, city water, sewerage; land 15ft. x 83ft. along a right-of-way and back to a right-of-way FOR POSITIVE SALE. Auction Sale at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock.
(3041) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

RYDE DISTRICT,
a healthy and picturesque suburb, reached by train and steamer.
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.
"GLEN GOWER," a RESIDENCE, with over 3½ ACRES of LAND fronting BELMORE-STREET, a few minutes' walk from Steamers' wharf, and handy to Meadow Bank and Ryde Railway Stations. It is of brick, cemented, slate roof, verandah and balcony in front, bay window with balconette over at side, verandahs at rear, and containing wide hall, 7 rooms, dressing-room, bathroom, linen press, pantries, laundry, kitchen, 2 rooms in tower.
_ For STABILITY, DESIGN, and CONVENIENCES this HOME is equal to any in RYDE BOROUGH.
The ceilings of main rooms are corniced, mantels of marble, picture rods to walls.
☞ INSPECTION PARTICULARLY INVITED. Card to view on application to Auctioneers.
THE TERMS WILL BE LIBERAL.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above most substantially erected and highly finished Residence in Ryde district. Photos and plan on view at rooms. (3031)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
REDFERN, handy to Crown-street tram.
KENSINGTON-TERRACE, consisting of TEN COTTAGES, in MARRIOTT-STREET, rental £286 per annum. Land 131½ft. frontage. Title leasehold, 66 years to run, ground rent £68 per annum.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with Raine and Horne, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, March 4, at 11.30 a.m., the above.
Further particulars in future advertisement. (3037)

RANDWICK.
ALLOTMENT of LAND, 76ft. frontage to BOTANY-STREET, depth of 166ft. along Magill-street, width at rear 114ft. A pleasant corner position in this picturesque suburb, being Lots 2, 3, and 4, section 1, of Magill's Nursery.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.
J. A. Doyle, Esq., is Solicitor for Mortgagee. (3030)

MUST BE SOLD, IN A DECEASED ESTATE
LOT 1. CAMPERDOWN.—W.B. COTTAGE, No. 36 COLLEGE-STREET, verandah in front, and containing 4 rooms and kitchen. The LAND has 18ft. to College-street, depth 62ft. along lane, and extending to a lane. Torrens title.
LOT 2. GUILDFORD.—W.Bd. COTTAGE, on brick piers, verandah in front, and containing 4 rooms and kitchen, small shed. Land 60ft. to Military-road, depth 110ft. A little beyond Guildford railway station, west side of line.
AUCTION SALE at our Rooms FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11.30 a.m.
L. F. HEYDON, Esq., is Solicitor of the Estate.
(3044) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

LEICHHARDT.
A few yards from the tram and close to the Public School and Post-office.
TWO COTTAGES, comprising Nos. 5 and 7 CARLISLE-STREET, the former built of weatherboards (lath and plaster inside) and containing verandahs, half hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse (fitted with bath and copper); the latter is of brick on stone foundation, and contains verandah, half hall, 4 rooms, bathroom, and kitchen. Land having 100ft. frontage x about 142ft. along a side lane. Torrens title. For Positive Sale.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, at 11 O'CLOCK,
The above Property at Leichhardt. (3040)

DUKE-STREET, BALMAIN
ALLOTMENT of LAND, 22ft. frontage, depth 92ft., suitable for the erection of two Houses or Double Cottage, handy to Darling-street and ferry.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 4th March.
(3050) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

ALBION and CHURCH STREETS,
Paddington Borough.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
COTTAGE, with VACANT LAND adjoining, fronting ALBION-STREET; and THREE HOUSES, CHURCH-STREET, at rear. RENTAL £107 18s per annum. The LAND has 41ft. to Albion-street, 41ft. to Church-street, depth through 111ft.
_ Only a few feet from Selwyn-street, close to Dowling-street, and handy to Moore Park.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11 o'clock.
The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. (3049)

LEICHHARDT.
Handy to the Trams in Norton-street.
A Detached COTTAGE, known as SHIRLEY, fronting DERBYSHIRE-ROAD, and extending back to Balmain-road. Land, 20ft. x 87ft. 4in. on one side, and 88ft. 2in. on the other.
TORRENS TITLE.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, at 11 o'clock,
The above. Full particulars in a future issue.
(3054)

QUEEN-STREET, WOOLLAHRA,
a few yards from Ocean-street.
Desirable RESIDENCE, No. 143 QUEEN-STREET, erected on land having 30ft. frontage with a depth of 100ft. back to a lane. Title, leasehold, about 37 years to run, ground rent £6 per annum.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11.30 a.m.
The above, full particulars of which will shortly be published.
L. F. HEYDON, Esq., is Solicitor of owner. (3052)

NEWTOWN. By Order of Mortgagee.
1. TWO COTTAGES, Nos. 5 and 7 Gladstone-street, between Phillip and Liberty streets, rent 7s per week each. Land, 28ft. by 70½ft.
2. Carpenter's WORKSHOP, erected on land 30ft. frontage by 70ft.; rent 5s per week.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11.30 a.m.,
The Above. TITLES, TORRENS. Terms. (3046)

STANMORE.
MIOWEIRA, an attractive and very desirable COTTAGE RESIDENCE, No. 20 HARROW-ROAD, opposite ELMSIDE, the home of L. C. Russell-Jones, Esq., M.L.A. The Land has 49½ft. by 114½ft., with entrance off Trafalgar-terrace. TORRENS TITLE. Cards to view.
AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, at our Rooms, at 11.30 a.m.
(3047) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

ENMORE-ROAD, NEWTOWN.
TWO SHOPS and DWELLINGS, Nos. 66 and 68 Enmore-road, close to King-street, Newtown. RENTAL £104 per annum. Land, 34ft. x 98ft., extending to lane.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above. Full particulars in future advertisement. (3048)

SOUND INVESTMENT.
GREAT BUCKINGHAM-STREET, REDFERN,
a few yards from Cleveland-street, and two Parks.
OSMOND-TERRACE, being six Houses, Nos. ———, well built of brick, on stone, slate roofs, each having verandah and balcony, hall, 6 rooms (marble mantels), bathroom, pantry, kitchen, washhouse and fuel shed. Land 90ft. frontage to GREAT BUCKINGHAM-STREET, depth 100ft. back to a lane. The frontage to street has iron railing on stone wall. Sewer connection. No expense was spared in their erection.
A desirable property in a good situation; easy of access and practically never without tenants.
TORRENS TITLE.
AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11 o'clock.
(3060) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

ANNANDALE-STREET, ANNANDALE.
A good street in this attractive suburb. Close to Steamer Wharf.
CAMBRIA, a two-story House of brick on stone foundation, with verandah (tiled), and enclosed balcony in front, and containing 6 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, and scullery. Land 21ft. x 121ft., with right-of-way leading to Rose-street.
AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.
(3059) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

INVESTMENT.
THORNE-STREET, WOOLLAHRA,
off Point Piper-road,
convenient to trams and 'bus routes.
FIVE COTTAGES, known as ZULU TERRACE, Nos. 2 to 10 Thorne-street, built of brick, with verandahs in front. No. 2 has hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, balcony and verandah at rear, detached washhouse with copper and bath. Nos. 4 to 10 have each hall, 5 rooms, balcony at rear, with bathroom and small room at side thereof, kitchen, pantry, washhouse with copper; slight stabling premises to Nos. 8 and 10.
RENTAL, £144 PER ANNUM.
TITLE is Leasehold, 66 years yet unexpired, at £35 per annum ground rental. Land has 129½ feet frontage to Thorne-street, depth 114 feet to 84 feet. A useful property in the position as commanding constant tenancies.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by public auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 4th March, at 11 o'clock,
The above, recommended for consideration.

STRATHFIELD ESTATE.
CLEARANCE SALE OF CHOICE BUILDING SITES.
By order of Liquidator Cumberland Building Company (in Liquidation).
ALBERT-ROAD, OXFORD-STREET, and HEYDE-AVENUE FRONTAGES.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited (in conjunction with G. H. Mobbs, of Parramatta), will sell by public auction, on the Ground, on SATURDAY, 5th March, at 3 o'clock,
The whole of the unsold portions of the Strathfield Estate, within 8 minutes of either Strathfield or Homebush railway station, and surrounded by some of the finest residences in the district.
Title Torrens. Every Block must be Sold.
Terms: 20 per cent. deposit, and balance in 6, 12, 18, and 24 months at 6 per cent. Plans and further information may be obtained at rooms of the Auctioneers.
C. E. BYRNES, George-street, Parramatta, Solicitor for the Liquidator.

NEALE'S ESTATE.
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
by order of
THE EXECUTRIX and EXECUTORS.
1st. SUSSEX-STREET.—HOTEL, building erected on land having 55ft.
2nd. SURRY HILLS.—TERRACE of SIX HOUSES, Nos. 63 to 73 Ann-street, a few feet west of RILEY-STREET, near Albion-street.
3rd. SURRY HILLS.—HOUSE, No. 54 Little Albion-street (off Riley-street, close to Albion-street), with VACANT LAND adjoining.
4th. PYRMONT.—The following in one lot:—
HOUSE, No. 41 Harris-street
7 Cottages, viz., Nos. 8 and 10 Harvey-street and Nos. 6 to 14 M'Credie-street.
2 COTTAGES, Nos. 1 and 3 Little John-street.
FIVE HOUSES, Albert-street, near Messrs. Goodlet and Smith's Works.
Leasehold, about 44 years to run; ground rent £65 per annum.
5th. PYRMONT.—No. 168 JOHN-STREET, a Cottage, leasehold, 46 years to run, ground rent £5 10s per annum.
6th. REDFERN.—TWO SHOPS and FIVE HOUSES, WALKER and PHILLIP STREETS, leasehold, about 57 years to run, ground rent £24 5s per annum.
7th. REDFERN.—TWENTY-FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 155 to 201 WALKER-STREET, leasehold, about 56 years to run, ground rent £156 per annum.
8th. SUMMER HILL.—Cottage in Henson-street.
9th. MACDONALDTOWN.—House in Bray-street, between Cook's River-road and Illawarra railway line.
10th. BURWOOD.—Subdivision Block of land, over 4 acres, facing railway line, with two W.Bd. Cottages thereon.
11th. KOGARAH.—Allotments on Bay View Park Estate.
12th. CROYDON.—5 acres 1 rood and 16 pers., Parramatta-road and Croydon-road, with premises thereon.
13th. ALEXANDRIA.—SHOP on Henderson-road, freehold.
14th. ALEXANDRIA.—TWO HOUSES on Henderson-road, freehold.
15th. FOREST LODGE.—HOUSE in Foss-street.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 11th March, at 11 o'clock.
The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement.
THE TERMS WILL BE LIBERAL. (3056)

1. PRETTY ESTATE.
Good soil, large area, convenient to city.
PADSTOW PARK,
353 ACRES and 34 PERCHES,
with Cottage and other improvements.
Approached by good road from city, or easy drive from train.
It is simply a charming Property, and could be made, at little expense, the just pride of an owner. The surface features, excellence of soil, and proximity to the metropolis, stamp it as of special merit to retired squatters, racehorse proprietors.
A splendid Training Track could be easily formed, while the agistment and cultivable qualities are readily perceivable.
INSPECTION INVITED.
Plan on view at the Rooms of Auctioneers.
2. THE AVENUE, ASHFIELD.
COTTAGE, and
300ft. frontage by depth of 154ft.,
or 1 ACRE 1 ROOD 1½ PERCHES.
Adjoining and opposite the properties of John Pope, Esq., J.P. Bounded by the railway line, and not far from Ashfield station and Liverpool-road.
Fuller particulars will be announced.
BY ORDER OF THE CURATOR.
Intestate Estate of late H. Penny, Esq.
AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 11th March, 1898, at half-past 11 o'clock.
(3063) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

BURWOOD.—RESIDENCE,
well designed, faithfully built, and highly finished.
It is known as WINTERDYNE, with nearly ONE ACRE of GROUNDS, fronting WYALONG and CLIFTON STREETS, now in the occupation of —. HOLT, Esq.
Possession will be given on 1st April, 1898.
_ This Commodious Residence is surrounded by good Properties. It is on the south side of the line, about 6 minutes' walk from railway station.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 11th March, at 11.30 o'clock,
Winterdyne, Wyalong-street, Burwood.
Cards to view at the Rooms. (3061)

HARBOUR FRONTAGE.
ROZELLE BAY, ANNANDALE.
Capital Block, 166½ft. frontage to Rozelle Bay, 130½ft. to THE CRESCENT (along which Balmain tram runs), 89½ft. to GORDON-STREET, other boundary is 121½ft., adjoining the Timber Yard of Messrs. Langdon, Hopkins, and Langdon.
TO WHARFINGERS, TIMBER MERCHANTS, IRON MERCHANTS, AND OTHERS.
This is a chance to obtain a Valuable Water-frontage out of first hands.
A most convenient situation in relation to the city and the Western quickly growing suburbs.
TORRENS TITLE. EASY TERMS.
AUCTION SALE at the Rooms,
FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.
(3065) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

AUCTION AT THE ROOMS,
313 Pitt-street,
MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

PETERSHAM.	West-street, Brewongle, a detached brick Residence, with slate roof, and containing hall, drawing and dining rooms (connected with folding doors), four bedrooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, washhouse, balcony and verandah, side entrance. Land, 25 feet x 105 feet. Torrens title.

_ A comfortable home, convenient to the railway station, with favourite easterly aspect.

CANTERBURY.	George-street, through to Minter-street, three splendid Sites. Lot 1, 131 feet 6 inches to George-street, and 176 feet 2 inches to Minter-street. Lots 2 and 3, each 37 feet to George-street, depth 194 feet through to Minter-street Freehold.

_ Splendid position in the main thoroughfare, surrounded by the principal business places.

ARNCLIFFE.	Dowling, Hirst, and Waste streets, off Wollongong-road, splendid Site, 96 feet x 132 feet, 3 frontages, Torrens title.

_ Capital site for cottage home within convenient walking distance of the railway station, close to Mr. Judd's residence.

ASHFIELD.	George's River-road, close to Milton-street. Lots 1 and 2 of the Hillside Estate, 50 feet x 139 feet, to a lane at the rear. Torrens title.

_ Good building site, adjoining the paddock of J. H. Goodlet, Esq.

CANLEY VALE.	St. John's Park, Pople-road, area 10 acres, 3½ acres under vines, 2½ acres partly under summer fruits, 4 acres cleared paddocks, small Cottage, 3 rooms and kitchen, good supply of water. TORRENS TITLE. Also, Horse and Cart, Plough, Scarifier, and 11 Wine Casks.

_ A compact little orchard and vineyard, close to Public School, Post-office, &c., distant about 2½ miles from the Railway Station. To be sold as a going concern, known as Mr. Gallazzini's Property.

On account of the Executors, Estate of the late J. C. Shugg.

RYDALMERE.	Kirby-street.—Creek frontage, adjoining the properties of Messrs. Finch and Knight, and opposite Mr. Cooney's. Lot 4, Block H, Vineyard Estate. Area 4 acres or thereabouts, all fenced in, about 1 acre fruit trees, stone cottage, iron roof, and containing 2 rooms, &c. Freehold.

_ A short distance from the main road, and distant about three-quarters of a mile from Jenkins's Hotel. Coach from Parramatta daily.

HORNSBY.	Silvia and Marsala streets.—Lots 9 and 16, Sec. B, Hornsby Heights Estate. 132ft. frontage to each street, depth 240ft. Torrens title.

_ Close to the Peat's Ferry-road, and within convenient walking distance of Hornsby Junction station.

CLONTARF WEST.	Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, 264ft. frontage to Harvey-street, depth 184ft. through to Clontarf-street, to which it also has a frontage of 264ft. Freehold title.

_ Close to Mr. Chester's residence and the waters of Middle Harbour.

WATKIN and WATKIN,
Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
G. H. MOBBS will sell by public auction, at his Rooms, Church-street, Parramatta, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, at 12 o'clock,
Lots 55, 56, and 57 of section 2, Harris Park, having a frontage of 92ft. to Harris-street by a depth of 100ft. to a lane at rear, upon which is erected a superior W.B. Cottage Residence, known as Egmont, at present in occupation of Mrs. J. B. Neill. Title, Torrens.
C. E. BYRNES, Esq., Parramatta, Solicitor for Mortgagee.

FERNHILL.
Only 13 minutes from Redfern. FROM 5s PER FOOT.
BRAN'S SUBDIVISION, NEXT BENNETT'S ESTATE.
Only £1 Deposit; only 10s Monthly.
TORRENS TITLE.
AUCTION SALE, on GROUND,
SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1898, at 3.30 p.m.
FREE TRAIN TICKETS for train leaving Redfern at 2.20 p.m.
ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, Auctioneer, 280 Pitt-street Sydney.

Machinery

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FARM AND STATION NOTES.

(By our Special Commissioner.)

The benefits of the recent rainfall are already becoming apparent in the pastoral districts. Areas that were parched and waterless a few days ago are now tinged with green, and with a continuance of the present genial weather there will soon be abundance of feed for all classes of stock. The filling of the tanks and dams is a great boon of itself, as where plenty of water is available it is surprising how little food stock will exist upon. After a period of semi-starvation it is well, however, that the change to better fare should come about gradually. Sudden changes of this kind are apt to work a lot of harm where the stock are in a reduced condition, but at this period of the year, while the sun is still powerful, there is not much danger apprehended from the grass springing too rapidly. The storm experienced last week has caused considerable damage to roads and bridges in certain parts of the colony. On low-lying farms the maize crops were flooded and ruined in many localities, while orchards and vineyards also suffered to a more or less extent. But putting all the losses together, they are insignificant in the aggregate when compared with the benefits derived from the rainfall. Farmers are now able to proceed with tillage operations, and the prospect of a large area of wheat being sown this season is virtually assured. The outlook for dairymen is also promising, while the pastoralists are hopeful that the break-up of the drought presages a prosperous year. All classes of the community will share in these benefits, and we can only trust that they will be realised.

EXPORT OF SHEEP AND LAMBS.

The fat sheep and lambs exhibited at the New South Wales Sheepbreeders' show in July last, and exported to London by the Pastoral Finance Company, appear to have realised very moderate prices, but Messrs. Weddel and Co., in their report on the sales, point out certain faults in the sheep which producers of mutton for the home market ought to remedy in the future. Several of the lots are described as useful sorts, but the majority were considered too leggy, plain, and thin-fleshed about the shoulder. The English taste demands a sheep of the "blocky" type, of medium weight, carried on short legs. This, unfortunately, is the very antithesis of the merino carcase, which is of plain build compared with the Down breeds and their crosses, which are so popular in the London market. In the old country there are plenty of thin, ill-conditioned sheep to be found in all the breeds, which are really very worthless creatures, and consumers are apt to conclude that the Australian mutton is equally poor. This, of course, is a great mistake, for there is nothing so toothsome as the leg of a young merino sheep. Still, a prejudice against the shape or form of the merino carcase exists in London, and breeders in this country must give great heed to that point if they would succeed in establishing a prosperous export trade in frozen mutton. Messrs. Weddel state also that some of the lambs were over-fat and too heavy, but on the whole the lambs were better than the sheep. Australian lambs in prime condition, weighing from 32lb. to 35lb., are the most saleable in London, and in no case should they weigh over 40lb. The agents appear to have gone to great trouble over the sale of the consignment, and the advice they give should prove very valuable as a guide to future aims. The butchering and general get-up of the carcases were all that could be desired, but it is curious to note that "many of the sheep that were not awarded prizes at the Sydney show were (in Messrs. Weddel's opinion) better freezers than some of the prize-takers." This conflict in judgment is doubtless due to the fact that Australian sheepbreeders place more value on the wool than is done in England, where a barely-clad sheep in a mutton contest stands as good a chance of winning the prize as one carrying a heavy fleece. At the leading fat stock shows in the old country the judges are largely composed of practical butchers, and in this matter the New South Wales Sheepbreeders' Society would do well to follow suit. The wool-bearing capacity of the freezers ought not to be neglected, but the mutton qualities should be first considered by the judges.

SELLING DAIRY PRODUCE IN ENGLAND.

Signs and omens point to the conclusion that there is something radically wrong in the methods at present adopted for distributing and selling our dairy produce in England. New South Wales butter is being improved in quality every season, and it is now equal to the best Danish when it leaves our shores, yet the price is gradually going down. There must be some cause for this, and no effort should be spared to find out exactly where it exists. In every case the butter exported from Australia may not be landed in first-class condition, but as a rule it arrives in London as fresh and sound as when it left the factory where it was made. There is plenty of evidence to prove this statement, and experts have declared that Australian butter as produced on the natural pastures, without any of the artificial methods of housing and feeding the cattle which are necessary in Europe and America, possesses a superior flavour. Australian butter is, perhaps, the finest in the world. Our methods and appliances for manufacture are second to none, and the refrigerating machinery adopted has overcome all the difficulties of a hot season. The butter made at Grafton, Lismore, and other warm localities, moreover, is quite equal to, and in some instances of superior quality to, that produced in the cool districts of New England or the South Coast. How, then, does it happen that New South Wales butter brings a low price in the London market? A difference of 12s and 16s below the Danish and Swedish article is too wide a margin, to pass lightly over. Butter from Canada and the Argentine is this season selling more readily, and bringing a higher price than Australian produce, and if this state of affairs is to prevail much longer the consequences will be serious. In the dairying industry of New South Wales there is a big sum of money invested, but from the way things are managed the returns are not what they ought to be. The trouble appears to be centred in London, where the distribution of the produce is left entirely in the hands of agents. It matters but little to the London salesman what price is obtained, but a few shillings on the hundredweight makes a material difference to the butter producers in this country. Denmark, Sweden, Canada, and the Argentine have all properly equipped Government agencies in England for distributing their butter and disposing of it to the best advantage, whereas the Australian shipments are simply consigned to irresponsible agents, who are willing to sell to the first buyer at any price offered. As our London correspondent points out, "there is a danger that Australian butter may become stereotyped as a cheap article." He expresses the opinion that a properly established butter committee, representing all the colonies of Australia, would avert this very undesirable impression getting abroad. It certainly appears evident that the matter in question should receive the attention of our Agricultural Department. Otherwise, what is now a very promising industry may fall into a state of chronic decay. Simply allowing things to drift, in the belief that our butter will command its full value in the English markets without any pushing or organised methods of distribution, is a vain delusion, considering the keen competition that has to be faced from other countries.

CLOVER AND FERTILITY.

From time immemorial it has been well understood that clover adds fertility to the soil. It is only in recent years, however, that the method by which this is accomplished has been discovered. Clover cannot add anything to the potash or phosphoric acid of the land, for the reason that it can obtain no supply of it except what is within reach of its roots. It may probably have a greater capacity than other plants for utilising that supply and leaving it in a more available shape for the use of other plants than it was before. The clover obtains its fertility—the fertility which it gives to the land—solely in the form of nitrogen, and this it obtains from the atmosphere. Just how this is done the scientists have not been able to tell. They have, however, succeeded in demonstrating that it is closely associated with the little wart-like protuberances on the root of the plant, which, for want of a better name they have called tubercles, from their similarity to peculiar deposits on the lungs of the consumptive man or cow. They have, however, no connection with disease. These tubercles are filled with germs, not death-dealing, but life-giving germs, which, in a way not yet understood, are able to utilise the free nitrogen of the atmosphere, amounting to about four-fifths of the total, for the purpose of meeting the enormous demand of the clover plant for this expensive kind of fertility. Of all the elements of fertility nitrogen is the most easily exhausted. Potash and phosphoric acid do not escape from the soil to any great extent, but nitrogen does very rapidly, especially in wet climates and wet seasons. The analysis of drain water proves this beyond question. It follows, of course, that when soils become exhausted the farmer should sow clover when laying down land to grass, as it is the cheapest and easiest method of restoring fertility. This power of obtaining a supply of nitrogen from the atmosphere is shared by all the legumes or plants that have a pea-like blossom, such as peas, beans, and various kinds of weeds, but it is not possessed by any of the true grasses (the clover not belonging to the true grasses, strictly speaking), nor by any of the grains in common use. This explains why all crops do well after clover, and demonstrates the great importance of including it in any mixture of grass seeds intended for either temporary or permanent pasturage.

TEMPERATURE FOR CHURNING.

At a meeting of the Mangatainoka Milk Suppliers' Association (New Zealand), Mr. Greville recently stated that the suppliers of the district had been losing at the rate of £200 per month for the past five years. He himself, since he took over the factory, lost £700 before he could discover how the loss occurred and prevent it, and this is how he went to work to find it out:—After he owned the factory a month, on making up his balances he discovered that he was not making as many pounds of butter as he was paying for butter fat, and he at once knew there was something wrong. He went to his manager and asked for an explanation but could not get one, so he set to work to find out for himself. He got an expert to see if the separator was at fault, but it was not there. He eventually sought the assistance of Mr. Lorensen, the Government expert, and that gentleman and himself went thoroughly into the matter; and, after much study, found that something like £200 per month had been thrown over the fence to the pigs. The cause of this was that the cream had been churned at too high a temperature. On discovery of the leakage the next thing was to prevent it, and Mr. Greville succeeded in doing so by the simple process of churning the cream at a temperature of 45° to 50°, instead of 60° to 65°, as recommended by expert dairymen.

CODLIN MOTH.

Mr. John Cumming, an orchardist in Victoria, has for some years past followed a simple plan for the destruction of the codlin moth, and he asserts that he has now almost rid his orchard of the pest. At a time of the year when the apples are full grown he turns his cows into the orchard every day. The most of the fruit affected by the moth drops off the trees, when it is immediately eaten by the cows, before the insect has time to leave the apple. Mr. Cumming states that a few years ago the codlin moth was very prevalent in his orchard, and now there is scarcely one to be seen. Although the codlin moth destroys more apples and pears than all other insect pests put together, it is one of the easiest to destroy. If fruit-growers took universal action in spraying their trees with Paris green shortly after the blooming season, and also took the simple precaution of bandaging the stems of their trees, so as to entrap the larvæ of the moth, the codlin moth plague would soon cease to be the terror it now is to orchardists. The grub-infested fruit should not be allowed to remain on the ground, as the grub will leave the fruit and lodge in the loose bark of the tree or any rubbish near at hand, in which it enters the pupa stage. At this time of the year the grub spins a silky cocoon prior to changing into the chrysalis stage, and this is usually deposited in the crevices of the bark or in the aforesaid bandages, but not in the fruit itself. If the surrounding soil is infested with the grubs, which is often the case, hot water may be applied to the roots of the trees, but on no account should poison be used for this purpose.

THE ABUSE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—After all that has been written by your various correspondents, medical and others, and also two leaders by yourself, with regard to the abuse of public hospitals, it may appear somewhat Quixotic of me to say a word in defence of numbers of people whom your correspondent "Hospital Doctor" says ought to be ashamed of themselves, robbing the poor of their beds and doctors of their fees. But as there are two sides to every question, and only one side has been spoken to, I would like to be allowed to say to the public, before they form their judgment and condemn these people by default, no defence having been made for them, "Audi alteram partem," and for this purpose I beg a space in your columns.

About four years ago you published a letter by me headed "Quackery: Its Cause and Cure." In that letter I showed the reason why quacks were so more numerous here than in London was the high fees charged by medical men. I also showed, further on, that it was those same high fees which drove so many to join benefit societies for the purpose of obtaining medical assistance at a reasonable rate. I have never seen those statements of mine denied; and now, sir, with your permission, I will show, I think, conclusively that the doctors are to blame for this abuse of the public hospitals.

I agree with you perfectly in your latter leader that no one should take advantage of the hospital to escape from the payment of "fair medical fees." But the question is, What are fair medical fees?

Within these last few years everything has been reduced in value. Incomes and wages have fallen—the value of every article has decreased in price. The interest on money has lowered considerably—house rents have fallen; but doctors' fees remain the same, and people cannot now afford to pay half a guinea for a visit, which is the ruling fee in the colony. There are some few medical men who charge 7s 6d. People consider these are not fair fees now. I've heard it calculated that if a doctor only pays four visits a day (and he must be in a very small way if he pay no more) his income will amount to £766 10s—rather a large sum to draw from a few patients. Then, again, it has become the custom for a doctor in any at all serious case to require a hospital nurse to be provided for a patient, and as one woman cannot watch both day and night there must be a second one to relieve the day nurse. Thus piling up expenses, which it is impossible for the great majority of people to pay nowadays, and so either driving people into the hospital as paying or non-paying patients, according to their circumstances, or compelling them to do without medical assistance at all.

Of late years there has sprung up a class of specialists, whose fees are not less than a guinea a visit. This, again, drives people to the hospitals to get advice from them, they being all or most of them visiting medical officers to the hospitals.

I know of two cases now where patients have visited these specialists and have paid their guinea fees and who require more assistance from them, yet are compelled to forego it, it being beyond their means to pay these fees, and they are too independent to seek for charitable advice from an hospital. These are the causes which are driving people into the hospitals who would shrink from such aid could they obtain advice as you, Sir, say in your leader for "fair medical fees."

With regard to paying patients there is no question. Hospitals were never intended to be put to such a use; but if a man can afford to pay seven guineas a week and they will receive him there is no wonder that he takes advantage of them, for he knows then what the expenses of his illness will be, or has a very fair idea of it. He knows also that he will be properly treated, and have all due attention.

There is another cause for this said abuse of the hospitals, that is the enormous, I might say monstrous, charge for a most trifling operation.

Prices utterly beyond the power of people to pay, and pay their debts.

I do not for one moment attempt to justify people obtaining hospital relief who have large sums at their bankers' like the man mentioned by one of your correspondents, who had £10,000. These men are miserable misers, and are not at all uncommon. We too often hear of men living in misery, begging their daily bread, who, on being arrested by the police, or at their death, are found to be possessed of large sums of money. These are merely exceptional cases.

I am, &c., JOSEPH BANKS DURHAM.

February 17.

PROTECTION AND DEMOCRACY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The statement in your leading article of to-day that "the present difficulties which are causing embarrassment to the protectionist party come from the fact that while some are eagerly engaged in the work of transforming it into a high Tory party for the purpose of relieving wealth from taxation and imposing the burden on the industry and expenditure of the people, other members, less alert in evolution, still feel unable to divest themselves of the ideals and watchwords of the past," presents the situation with accuracy. The assumption which runs through the article as a whole and constitutes the text of its reasonings, however, I trust you will allow me to protest against as unwarranted by facts. That assumption is that the intrigues of the "some" who are engaged in the endeavour to transform the party into a high tory organisation either have definitely succeeded or are assured of success. This, I submit, remains to be tested. As one of those "less alert in evolution, who feel themselves unable to divest themselves of the ideals and watchwords of the past," I am sanguine that a similar repugnance to infidelity to principle is practically universal among protectionists, and that the demand upon them for a reversal of all their traditions and convictions proceeds from a very small coterie. The only delegation of a right to express with any colour of authority the sentiments of the protection electors has been vested in the Central Union. And that body has not yet given any indication of acquiescence in or endorsement of the cabal which has for its object that betrayal of the cause to Tory purchasers, which justly excites the scorn and contempt expressed in the tenor of your comments. It is, believe me, altogether premature, and will probably be presently seen to be incorrect, to state that "the party is now setting out on a new road, under new colours, and wearing a new uniform." That the party has been invited, nay commanded, to commence this rogue's march with turned coats by way of a new uniform is true enough. But unless my long and intimate association with the rank and file has been fruitless of acquaintance with their intelligence and spirit, the result will be, not such a disgraceful procession towards disaster, but a renewal of our former marches on our old road with our old honourable uniform on our soldiers, our battle-worn old banners over our heads, and our faces sternly confronting our former antagonists.

I am, &c.,

February 17. W. H. TRAILL.

NOTES ON AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The silence of the Government with regard to the question of the Far East has at last been broken by a responsible Minister. Mr. Balfour's grasp of foreign politics is not on the whole his strongest point, but he is one of the small inner circle of the Cabinet, and as leader of the House of Commons and Lord Salisbury's nephew he ought to know what he is talking about. It is characteristic, however, that he gave the last place to the subject which is just at the moment exciting more interest in the public mind here than any other. Practically what he said was that our interests in China were commercial and not territorial, and that, whatever other nations may grab, we have no intention of emulating them so long as our commercial position is not threatened. The speech had not the effect of enlightening the public in a specific way, but it tended to dispose of a number of the extraordinarily sensational and circumstantial reports which were current. There were people who actually believed here that the Great Powers of Europe had entered into a secret treaty for the partition of China such as was suggested on an historical occasion in the case of Turkey.

Even to-day the story of an Anglo-German alliance by which England is to get something in return for giving the Kaiser a free hand is revived, and there is talk of an understanding between Britain and Germany with a view to the bringing out of a Chinese loan. Since Prince Henry's extraordinary speech on the eve of leaving Germany he has become the subject of a good many stories. Among others there is one—in all probability a canard—which attributes to him a statement of opinion during his flying visit to London that as a result of what is going on in the Far East we are at the beginning of a new Anglo-German understanding in Europe—"the wish of his own heart and the Queen's." But probably Prince Henry was no more responsible for this than for the wild terms of his reply to the Kaiser's toast. A prominent German, well versed in the etiquette of the German Court, assures me that the general suspicion is well founded that such a speech could not have been delivered unless its terms had first been submitted to the Emperor. He shares the general opinion in well-informed quarters that as regards the Far East there are a good many surprises yet in store for us, both in speech and in action. Those who know the Emperor intimately, he says, know well that his mania for display has recently entered upon a very curious, not to say startling, development. He may in his present mood do anything at any time without consultation with anybody.

The success of the New South Wales 3 per cent. Loan is a subject of general remark this week. The market is not altogether favourable to the raising of considerable loans at the present time, and the good fortune which has been attained is therefore all the more a striking evidence as to the growth of colonial credit. The issue of the loan has naturally entailed a good deal of work and anxiety upon the Agent-General's Department, but I believe that Sir Daniel Cooper was from the first convinced of success. To have the sum offered applied for three times over is, as the newspapers here generally freely admit, no small evidence of the growth of public confidence.

The London Exhibitions Company, who have been successfully "running" the Earl's Court buildings, have set on foot a scheme for a Greater Britain Exhibition in 1899. So far only a few private and confidential circulars have been distributed, but as far as I can judge at present there is a disposition in circles qualified to form an opinion to treat the new venture with favour. The main idea seems to anticipate the Paris Exhibition of 1900 by holding a comprehensive exhibition of the arts, manufactures, products, and inventions of the various self-governing colonies in the summer of next year. It is supposed that the colonial exhibitors will seize the opportunity of bringing their wares before the public of the two great capitals in this quick succession. Whether the promoters of the Paris Exhibition will care to be thus anticipated is probably not a point which has been considered, but the company declares its belief that the commercial advantages to be gained by the colonial exhibitor who takes part in the British display at Earl's Court will be much greater than those to be secured by any success achievable in Paris. They also think that the political advantages are equally manifest. Remembering the success of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition twelve years ago, it seems not improbable that the sanguine expectations of the promoters may be verified. The composition of the "honorary committee of advice," with such names as those of the Marquis of Lorne, Lord Kintore, Sir Saul Samuel, Sir Robert Herbert, and Sir Thomas Sutherland, seems to argue that the scheme will have a strong and influential backing. Mr. Levey, C.M.G., is the secretary of the committee.

It seems quite like old times to hear that Mr. Chamberlain has sent another suzerainty despatch to the Transvaal Government. I believe, however, that the fact is that this subject which most people might have thought had been settled for good, has been for months past the subject of long drawn out and rather futile negotiations. Mr. Chamberlain once said privately of President Kruger that you needed to "keep hammering him." Evidently he still holds to this view of the Boer character, and after the present electioneering campaign in the Transvaal is over, we may expect to hear that he has made a fresh effort to get some sort of formal acknowledgment of the British claims with a view to a statement in Parliament. It is probable that we shall hear a good deal of South African questions when Parliament meets.

It has now been definitely arranged that Sir Saul Samuel shall preside at the inaugural New South Wales dinner, which takes place on Wednesday week. There was a very general feeling at the preliminary meeting that the retiring Agent-General would most properly fill the chair in view of his long experience as representative of the colony in London, and the fact that his name is familiar to every colonist from New South Wales who has settled or is staying here. Sir Saul, however, did not in the first instance appear ambitious to take the chair, and, while expressing appreciation of the compliment, he—in his own words—"begged to be excused." It was then unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Dangar, who was not present at the meeting, to fill the post. Mr. Dangar, however, while heartily acknowledging the compliment, also declined, but in his letter gave it as his opinion that Sir Saul was the most fit and proper person to preside. In view of this unanimity of feeling Sir Saul was induced to reconsider his original decision, and so the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

Several of the representatives of the Agents-General's Departments who were unable to be present at the funeral at Taplow of the late Sir Robert Meade, attended the memorial service at St. Margaret's. Sir Robert, in his capacity of Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was greatly appreciated by all the official representatives of the colonies here. He was known to everybody, and his geniality and courtesy were untiring. It is no small advantage as regards the relations between the mother country and the colonies to have the right man in a post of this kind, and by general consent Sir Robert was undoubtedly the right man.

The attempt to exclude war correspondents from the coming campaign in the Soudan may or may not succeed. At the time I write great pressure is being brought to bear on the Egyptian authorities to secure the rescinding of the order, and there is an evident desire on the part of the War Office and military authorities to disclaim responsibility in the matter, which may have its effect out in Egypt. But for the moment there can be no doubt that it has had a very disquieting effect upon the public mind. The Government, it is well known, has decided to make the keeping open of the Nile an Imperial question, and there is evidently something more in the British advance than appears upon the surface. A strong suspicion exists that the movements of the French in northern Africa may have something to do with the evident anxiety to smash the Khalifa before he is likely to get outside assistance or anyone makes an ally of him. But what is really causing anxiety here is that this order for the exclusion of the correspondents comes on the top of some very ugly rumours with regard to a policy of hushing up which has been pursued in the Indian frontier campaign. They are not, in fact, mere rumour, for it is a fact that letters seriously impugning the organisation of the British forces, and even the fighting qualities of a section of them, written by undoubted experts, have been freely shown about the London clubs for weeks past, while the war correspondents were apparently allowed to say nothing on the subject. Is the Sirdar going one further, and keeping the correspondents away altogether simply to be safer still in matters of this kind? In all probability there is no foundation for the suggestion, but it is just the kind of suspicion which such a policy awakens in the public mind.

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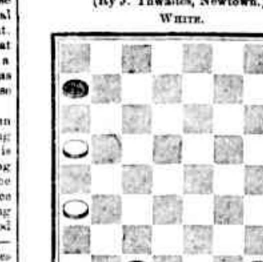
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

George King (Parramatta): I am pleased to say that your solution of No. 43 is well worked out, that of your third variation being especially so. I am glad to hear our problems, &c., enable you to pass many a dreary hour away. Thanks for position. Those you refer to I will send by post. C. C. G.: When the position stands re your third variation, B—1, Kings 14, 15, 18, W—5, 9, K. 7, 8, after 15—10. You reply 8—3, and win, whereas 7—11, or 7—3 would have made it more troublesome. Re 44, when the position stands B—1, Kings 10, 16, W—6, K. 2, 8, 8—11 draws. T. D.: When the position stands B—1, K. 3, 19, W—5, K. 2, 11, W. draws by 2—6, 1—10, 11—15. Correct solutions from C. T. (Newcastle), Brown (Bathurst), Wills, Mack, O. K., W. H.

PROBLEM No. 49.

(By J. Thwaites, Newtown.)

White.



Black.

Black to play and win.

PROBLEM No. 50.

(By Flageolet, Parramatta.)

Black.—2, 5, 11, 20. White.—10, 19, 24, 27, 32.

White to play and win.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM No. 45.

(By the Editor.)

Black.—3, 5, 6, K. 23. White.—14, 15, 28, K. 11.

Black to play and win.

23—19	9—14	18—23	2—7	31—27	7—2	23—18
14—10	7—9	7—2	27—31	2—7	3—8	7—11
6—9	14—18	23—27	7—2	27—23	2—7	18—14
11—7	2—7.	Wins.				

PROBLEM No. 46.

(By J. R. S., Sydney.)

Black.—5, 13, 20. White.—10, 21, 31.

Black to play and draw.

20—24	6—1	5—9	26—22	23—19	5—9	15—10
16—6	28—32*	31—26	27—23	1—5	14—18	9—14
24—28	1—6	32—27	6—1	9—14	22—15.	Draws.

Any other move than 9—14 B wins.

GAME No. 64.—"Doctor."

The following games were played between Messrs. Roberts and Brown in a recent scratch encounter:—

Mr. Roberts moved.

11—15	10—17	11—16	16—19	7—11	15—18	4—11
23—19	19—10	27—23	23—16	16—7	22—15	12—8
8—11	7—14	6—10	12—19	2—11	11—18	17—22
22—17	25—22	31—27	27—23	32—27	20—11	26—17
9—13	3—7	1—6	10—15	4—8	6—10	13—29
17—14	29—25	24—20	23—16	27—24	16—12	*8—3

* After numerous moves White drew.

GAME No. 65.—"Laird and Lady."

Roberts moved.

11—15	10—17	24—19	6—10	23—14	18—22	27—23
23—19	21—14	6—9	15—6	9—18	26—17	9—14
8—11	15—18	29—24	1—17	19—15	13—22	18—9
22—17	19—15	2—6	26—23	5—9	25—18	11—27
9—13	4—8	24—20	17—21	31—26	12—16	20—2
17—14	and White wins.					

CRITICISM.

F. G. writes:—Being under the impression that White should win re No. 26 Problem, I waited patiently to see if any of your critics would upset the solution given for a draw. Not having seen any attempt, I concluded all your solvers were convinced the position a draw. I submit the following to win when the position stands—Black Kings on 17, 19, 23. White, 25, 28; Kings on 7, 12. Black to play. I play as follows:—

17—22	18—23	23—18	18—23	9—13	19—15	24—19
25—18	8—3	2—6	10—14	13—20	15—24	28—24
23—14	23—18	18—27	13—17	15—11	19—15	
7—11	3—7	11—7	6—9	16—19	22—18	11—7
14—18	18—23	23—18	16—19	17—22	23—27	15—10
12—8	7—2	7—19	and win easily.			

NOTES.

Since our last a match of eight games up has been played for a small stake, between Mr. Lee, jun., and Mr. Bremner. A match played a short time back between Lee and Bremner was won by Bremner, hands down. Mr. Lee has now turned the tables by winning in a brilliant manner without the loss of a game. Mr. Bremner (writhing under defeat challenged Mr. Lee to play a match of 10 games. Nothing loth Mr. Lee accepted, and play began during the week, and to date several drawn games have been played. We hope to be able in the near future to give some of the games.

It is proposed to form an English Draughts Association, with power to arrange and carry through the English championship tournament, &c. A circular has been forwarded to all the clubs throughout England setting forth the objects of the association, and further particulars can be learned from Mr. J. K. Lyons, 36 Gladstone-road, Seacombe, who is acting as secretary pro tem.

Scottish Championship Tourney.—The annual tournament to decide the Scottish Championship commenced on January 1 in the City Hall, Glasgow. Twenty players—among whom are several leading lights of the game—aspire to the honour, viz.:—George Buchanan, Glasgow; R. Brown, Glasgow; T. Ballantyne, Mount Florida; G. M. Bonar, Rutherglen; F. Brown, Rutherglen; William Campbell, Glasgow (blindfold champion); W. K. Campbell, Glasgow; J. G. Carruthers, Lockerbie; David Dundas, Brechin; Harry Freedman, Glasgow; Hugh Henderson, Muirkirk; James Ferrie, Coatbridge (ex-champion of the world, and present Scottish champion); R. Holmes, Bonnybridge; R. G. M'Millan, Glasgow; William Millar, Glasgow; Hugh M'Kean, Greenock; J. C. M'George, Dumfries; J. A. Robertson, Govan; A. B. Scott, Govan; James Wyllie, "Herd Laddie." The arrangements made by the committee are very complete, and the meeting should draw good attendances.

Mr. J. C. Brown visited Hawick recently and played all-comers in the Unionist and Liberal clubs. Contesting five boards at once, he played altogether 38 games, winning 34 and drawing four.

The rumour that Ferrie was about to challenge Jordan for the world's championship is contradicted. Ferrie's present business arrangements will not permit of the time necessary for such a contest.

Our latest files inform us that Ferrie defeated Wyllie in the Scottish Championship by one win to five draws, and it is probable W. Campbell will meet him in the final.

The following answer in the "Newark Sunday Call" to a correspondent from Texas, who claims that he has never been defeated, and who threatens to visit the Invincible Club and annihilate all its members, is unique:—"The invincible wigwam of Minneapolis is adorned with the scalps of checker players from all over the Union. We shall be pleased to add yours to the list. We make floormats of visitors from Texas. We educate, encourage, and sympathise with players, and every man is sure to get a king the fifth year, provided he is industrious from the beginning. Draw your charges for bear and reload for mastodon and ichthyosaurus. When you approach the portals of the Invincible Club read the horrible words just over the entrance, which we have changed from table to awful truth, 'Leave all hope behind, ye who enter here.' Then welcome; we will go through you like a Populist through a free lunch."

Mr. D. A. Brodie, one of the leading players of New Zealand, spent a few days in the Wyndham district, on the Ridges, a few weeks ago. In the evenings he played all-comers, 40 games, of which he won 39, and lost one, an Ayrshire Lassie.

THE PUBLIC AND THEIR GREAT ORGAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Several matters have come up lately in the City Council inquiry. One only I will notice; that is, the music supplied to the public by the great organ. There is not the smallest doubt that it is pleasant to hear the fine instrument played as it is by our famous organist; but after hearing it a few times who will deny that, pleasant and all as it is, it is felt to be monotonous. At some of the recitals I have attended one could hear the general expression that a song or two to vary the programme, even though not first-class, would be a treat, and a very pleasant variety to the great sameness of the organ music.

It is a common thing in the large cities of the home countries for the municipal council to provide a Saturday evening concert at a cheap rate for the public. And at these concerts can be heard some of the finest singers of the day, as well as orchestral and choral music of no mean order. Could not the same be done for the public of Sydney, and a treat provided for them every Saturday evening, which would attract thousands instead of the handfuls that one often sees in the great hall?

The matter would want proper management, and star singers would sooner deal with a residential manager than fall into the hands of middlemen, who always take the gilt off the gingerbread, and sometimes leave the artist who has brought in the money a very limited margin. If fine entertainments can be got up by this means in other places, and the general public thoroughly appreciate them, can the same thing not be done in Sydney, where we have a music-loving public? But what has our council done to supply this long and urgent demand?

Our hall and organ are of the finest that could be desired, and would be a credit to any city in the world, and of which the citizens are justly proud; but are we making the best use of them, and are the inhabitants getting a reasonable return for the money they have cost?

Let us hope the inquiries will wipe away many cobwebs and make room for better ventilation in city affairs; and, above all, let us hope the pleasure and gratification of the citizens will come in for a greater share of consideration.

February 21. I am, &c., CITIZEN.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE FAR EAST.

IV.

(By an Ex-consular Officer.)

THE FIELD OF THE PROBLEM.

III.—THE ANGLO-FRENCH ZONE.

The great central zone of treaty ports and open trade, which formed the subject matter of the preceding article, has its southern relations complicated by the politics of the neighbouring zone of Franco-British rivalry. Just as its northern arm projected into the sphere of Russo-Japanese competition, so is its southern extremity thrust into the region affected by the questions which agitate the possessions of France and Great Britain in the peninsula of further India. The bone of contention is the trade of the rich provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangsi, and Southern Szechuan. Broadly speaking, there are three main routes for tapping the productive and consumptive resources of these regions. The first is by way of the recently opened West River to Canton, or the more westerly port of Pakhoi (officially known to the Chinese as Pei-hai). This route lies within the trading zone, and commerce carried on along it is practically subject to the same conditions as that up and down the Yangtsze. Previously to the ratification of the Burmo-Chinese Frontier Convention in June of last year the whole of the foreign trade along this route had to be directed from Canton and Pakhoi. The West River was not open to merchant steamers, and there were no treaty ports on its banks. The lekin duties also were unusually heavy, the officials more exacting than ordinary, and the transit pass system almost a dead letter. It has already been explained that transit passes are obtained at the open ports from the Imperial (foreign) Customs by payment of a 2½ per cent. extra duty upon goods imported or to be exported by bona-fide foreign firms. This 2½ per cent. duty goes into the coffers of the Customs; and as the transit pass is supposed to frank the merchandise transported under it through all the lekin barriers the provincial officials, not unnaturally, look upon the system as one defrauding them of their just perquisites, and have always used every means at their disposal to kill it. In this part of the country their efforts have met with persistent success owing to the fact that Canton and Pakhoi at the extreme limits of the ports were the only cities open to foreign merchants. After imports left those places, or when intended exports were in transitu to them, they were necessarily in charge of Chinamen, and the various local mandarins knew well how to "put on the screw" in such a way as to render the passes a dead letter. After a long diplomatic struggle the British Minister at Peking, Sir Claude Macdonald, at last managed to extort from the native authorities a full recognition of transit passes, but it is doubtful whether the pass system would ever have worked well had not the West River been opened to trade.

This question of the obstacles placed in the way of trade by the Pakhoi and Canton route has a very direct bearing upon the Franco-British zone, as may be seen at once when it is observed that the other two routes for tapping the trade of South-western China pass the one through British and the other through French territory, in order to reach the sea. The Anglo-Burmese line connecting Szechuan and Yunnan with Rangoon is in a very undeveloped condition, and although its possibilities are doubtless very great they have for the most part yet to be realised. The Franco-Tonquinese route, on the contrary, via the Red River basin to Hanoi and Haiphong, has been growing in importance very steadily for the past few years. The difficulties created by official rapacity and obtuseness on the West River were Tonquin's opportunity, and the French administrators were not slow to avail themselves of it. By exploration, the construction of roads, railways, and other engineering works which facilitated transport by land and water, they have striven—and with some show of success—to divert the current of trade into their own channels. Thus there is a threefold interest involved in the development of this particular part of the Chinese Empire. One is purely British, and concerned only with the prosperity of Burmah; another is purely French, and wrapped up in the progress of Tonquin; while the third is that of all the trading nations of the world, and has for its aim the gradual attraction of this part of the Chinese dominions into the sphere of free foreign trade. Great Britain, to her honour be it said, has throughout her Far Eastern policy proved the champion of free international trade and "most favoured nation" competition, rather than of any selfish monopoly for the benefit of her own possessions. Hence she has, if anything, been too neglectful of the claims of Burmah while devoting her energies to the enlargement of the trading zone in China.

According to a convention made between Great Britain and China on March 1, 1894, China undertook not to alienate certain districts then ceded to her by Great Britain in the Mekong Valley to the south of the province of Yunnan. French diplomatic pressure, however, prevailed over solemn promises embodied in a treaty; and "in derogation of the provisions of the convention" China, in an agreement with France of June 20, in the following year (1895) ceded a portion of the State of Kiang Hung. This was very properly regarded with indignation by the British Government, which instructed its representative at Peking to demand compensation for the breach of trust. Protracted negotiations ensued and finally on February 4 of last year a treaty was signed by the representatives of Great Britain and China giving to the former slight accessions of territory in the Burma-Yunnan frontier, together with certain privileges of overland commerce, recapitulating China's promise to abstain from further alienations and, most important of all, opening the West River to trade. The concessions regarding maritime commerce are contained in a special article which runs as follows:—"Whereas on January 20, 1896, the Tsung-li-Yamen addressed an official despatch to her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Peking, informing him that on December 30, 1895, they had submitted a memorial respecting the opening of ports on the West River to foreign trade and had received an Imperial decree in approval, of which they officially communicated a copy. It has now been agreed that the following places—viz., Wuchow-fu, in Kwangsi, and Samshui City and Kong Kun Market, in Kwantung—shall be opened as treaty ports and Consular stations, with freedom of navigation for steamers between Samshui and Wuchow and Hongkong and Canton, by a route from each of these latter places to be selected and notified in advance by the Imperial Maritime Customs, and that the following four places shall be established as ports of call for goods and passengers, under the same regulations as the ports of call on the Yangtsze River—namely, Kongmoon, Komchuk, Shiuhing, and Takhing." The privileges granted to overland trade between Yunnan and Burma are defined in articles 9, 12, and 13 of the convention. Article 9 declares that "In addition to the Manwyne and Sansi routes sanctioned by the convention of 1894, the Governments of Great Britain and China agree that any other routes, the opening of which the Boundary Commissioners may find to be in the interests of trade, shall be sanctioned on the same terms as those mentioned above." Article 12 deals with railways, and in it the Chinese Government agrees "hereafter to consider whether the conditions of trade justify the construction of railways in Yunnan, and, in the event of their construction, agrees to connect them with the Burmese lines." Article 13 grants to Great Britain the right of stationing a consul at Ting Yueh Ting (Momein) or at Shunning Fu as it prefers, instead of at Manwyne as originally agreed, and also of stationing a Consul at Ssumao. It further extends to British merchants and persons under British protection the privilege of trading at those places under the same conditions as at the treaty ports. Great Britain does not impose differential duties against foreign goods such as the French have instituted against British merchandise at Haiphong, and with trifling exceptions merchants of other nationalities can trade as freely in her dominions, concessions, and settlements as her own subjects. Hence countries enjoying the privilege of most-favoured-nation treatment from China can compete even for the Burma-Chinese trade as well as for that along the West River route.

The conditions reported recently by the Peking correspondent of the "Times" to have been formulated by Sir Claude MacDonald in connection with the British Government's offer to raise a loan for China form a significant corollary to previous articulations of British policy. Their acceptance by the Tsung-li-Yamen (Chinese Board of Foreign Affairs) at Peking would, so to speak, dot the "i's" and cross the "t's" of the Convention of last year, and would in no wise create British monopolies after the likeness of those sought by France, Russia, and, in the first blush of the Kiao-chow expedition, Germany. The proposal to open Siangtan has already been referred to in a previous article, as also have those respecting the non-alienation of the Yangtsze basin and the addition of Talien Wan to the list of commercial outlets. The other conditions, however, have a very direct bearing upon the politics of the Tonquin and Burma frontier districts, and, moreover, clearly prove the continuity of purpose which has characterised the work of her Majesty's Government in these regions. The opening of Nanning Fu to foreign trade would serve as an extension of the treaty port system of the West River. The town is situated in the province of Kwangsi on an important southern tributary of the newly opened waterway, and constitutes the distributing centre for Pakhoi imports into the provinces of Kwangsi, Yunnan, and Kweichow. The other concession alleged to have been demanded by the British Minister was permission to extend the Burma railway system into Chinese territory, and could only be a necessary counter move to French diplomatic success in obtaining by the Convention of 1895 permission to extend the Annamite railway within the borders of China, and, by extreme pressure in 1896, the despatch from Peking of instructions charging the Kwangsi officials to construct a railway northwards from the French Consular station of Lungchow, on the Tonquin frontier. The French hoped by means of this railway to draw the trade of Yunnan, Kwangsi, and the interior province of Kweichow to Haiphong. The obvious British reply is to open Nanning Fu, and so facilitate the intercourse of Pakhoi and Canton with Kwangsi, while at the same time encouraging the Yunnan-Burma trade by railway connections across the frontier.

To set the position forth in a really clear way it is needful to explain shortly the main features of the border country of the French, British, and Chinese dominions which form the scene of the commercial struggle now taking place. The parts of China most directly concerned are the frontier provinces of Yunnan and Kwangsi together with parts of Szechuan and the inland province of Kweichow. The northern sections of the two latter provinces belong more properly to the Yangtsze basin, and scarcely fall within the purview of the present article. In so far as Szechuan is affected by the politics of the Franco-British zone it depends on Yunnan, with which it communicates by the trade route passing through the fertile valley of Ning-yuan Fu, called the K'ien-Kiang. Yunnan itself forms the south-west corner of China proper and marches on the east with the Kachin (Kakyen) and Bhamo districts of Upper Burma. On the south French and British advances into the northern Shan States of Siam have made it the neighbour of Tonquin and Burma. Its surface is an uneven highland plateau intersected by mountain ranges, between which are deep defiles washed by the waters of the great Indo-China rivers Mekong, Salween, and Shweli. In the north the soil and climate are not inviting, and the population is sparse, but in the south and west there is a large extent of fertile, richly cultivated, and populous country. Rice, maize, opium, tobacco, and sugar are the chief vegetable products, and all travellers agree that its unwrought mineral wealth is enormous. The country was devastated between 1855 and 1872 by the great Panthay rebellion, and even now Chinese sway over the mixed population is hardly consolidated, although the last 20 years have witnessed a rapid advance in assimilation and prosperity. Until the French occupation of Tonquin Yunnan's access to the outer world was mainly along the roads and waterways converging upon the Yangtsze. The Cantonese approached it by the West River, Nanning Fu, and Pei Se (Pai Se), while cotton came in from the Shan States of Burma, via Ting Yueh Ting (Momein). Now, however, the Yangtsze routes, at any rate for foreign trade, tend to be used less and less, while the French have been improving the Red-River-to-Haiphong line, which is the shortest cut to the coast. The Anglo-Indian Government is also endeavouring to facilitate transport via Bhamo, Kunlon Ferry, and other routes between Burma and Yunnan. At present the trade through Burma is small, and considerable diversity of opinion exists among experts as to the proper line for railways to take; but the conditions under which the Burmese railways were taken over by the present company under the direction of N. M. Rothschild and Co., and the prominence given in Anglo-Chinese negotiations to the proposed connection with Yunnan, lead to the hope that before long a serious attempt will be made to open this door to trade. It is worth mentioning in this connection that in June, 1896, a deputation from the Associated Chambers of Commerce waited upon the British Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for India urging the completion of the Burma-Siam-China railway. In reply, Lord Salisbury promised that the English and Indian Governments would do all in their power to make the railway an accomplished fact, adding that it was "more than ever important that we should obtain these accesses to great foreign markets," and "that, looking at the matter from that point of view, of course there was nothing that interested us more than this attempt to obtain access to the markets of China from behind."

The following short accounts of the other two routes most in use for reaching the coast from Yunnan are derived from Mr. Chr. Jenson, an officer of the Imperial Telegraph Service at Yunnan Fu, and Mr. Happer, of the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, formerly stationed at Mengtsze, close to the Tonquin frontier. The route eastwards to the treaty ports of Canton and Pakhoi runs overland from Yunnan Fu, past Kwangnan Fu to Pei Se in Kwangsi, at the head of navigation on the left branch of the West River, where boats can be engaged direct for Canton. The land journey with ponies and pack animals, going about 20 or 25 miles a day, takes about 23 days, and the boat journey from 28 to 38, according to the depth of the water and the rapidity of the current. If Pakhoi be the point on the coast aimed at the river must be left at Nan-hiang, below Nanning Fu, whence, by a land journey of three days across the watershed between the West River and the coast, and then by water down a small stream, the southern treaty port can be reached within 10 days. By far the shortest journey to the sea, however, is by road through Mengtsze, the customs station opened a few years ago by treaty with France, to Manhao, the head of navigation on the Red River, whence with two changes of boats at Lao-kai and Hanoi, the French port of Haiphong can be reached. The land journey from Yunnan Fu to Manhao takes 11 days, and the river journey to Haiphong 12 to 16 days.

Kweichow resembles Yunnan in its outlines, being mountainous and lying generally at a considerable elevation over the sea level. Its mineral wealth is believed to be great, but its settlement by the Chinese is incomplete, and many aboriginal tribes still exist within its borders. They have given little trouble within the last 15 or 20 years, and as they become civilised will have an increasing demand for foreign merchandise. The southern districts trade considerably with Yunnan and Kwangsi, and thus come within the sphere of competition between France and Great Britain. Kwangsi, which lies to the east of Yunnan, is bounded on the south by Tonquin and the Chinese province of Kwangtung. It contains the upper navigable reaches of the branches and tributaries of the West River, and so gains exceptional importance as the seat of the distributing centres on the roads and waterways connecting Pakhoi and Canton with the interior. The overland route through the frontier customs station, Lungchow, to the sea at Haiphong also passes through Kwangsi, and so marks the province out as the scene of future extensions of the Annamite railway. Lungchow, like Mengtsze, has been made a sort of open port under the control of the Maritime Customs for the sake of the trade with Tonquin. From it Kweilin Fu, the capital in the north of the province, can be reached in about eight days overland through Nanning Fu, or by river down the Si Kiang to Wuchow and then up the Fu Kiang in about four weeks. Kwangsi has no coast line, and to reach the sea there is a choice of three routes—(1) By the West River to Canton; (2) overland through Kwangtung to Pakhoi; and (3) overland through Tonquin to Haiphong. The first two have already been described, since they form part of the lines followed in journeying from Yunnan to the southern treaty ports. By the third one goes to Dong-Dang, the first French station across the frontier, from which place a good road leads to Phulang-thuong, where steamers running to Haiphong call. This trip can be made within six days, and the French are continually improving the roads and already beginning railway construction.

Before leaving this zone the French and British possessions immediately concerned with it demand a word or two of description. The French dependencies in the Annamese Peninsula are officially called Indo-China, and include Cambodia, Cochin-China, Annam, and Tonquin. All of these were formerly parts of the Annamese Empire, over which China claimed a shadowy suzerainty in virtue of an occupation of 1000 years between the 2nd century B.C. and the 11th A.D. The only recent attempt to assert this suzerainty was the cause of the 1884-85 Franco-Chinese war, which followed upon the French seizure of Hanoi. Like British India Indo-China consists of fully annexed provinces and semi-independent States under the nominal rule of native princes. Cambodia, for instance, has a king of its own, but the actual control of the country is entrusted to a French resident at Pnom-penh, the capital, while each of the eight provinces is administered by a French officer. Its neighbour, Lower Cochin-China is a French colony nominally, as well as virtually, ruled by French officers and represented at Paris by one deputy. Annam proper, again, is semi-independent, with a native king and court, but a body of French officials. The capital, Hue, is garrisoned by French troops; and its northern part (Tonquin) was made a colony in 1884, Hanoi, Haiphong, and Turane, near Hue, with the surrounding districts, being made French concessions in October, 1888, and the King of Annam surrendering all his rights within them. In 1887 Annam, Tonquin, and Cambodia were united in a customs union. The whole of Indo-China is under the direction of a Governor-General and Council resident at Hanoi, while Tonquin, which is the portion more directly affected by Chinese politics, is ruled by a Resident of its own, who reports to the Council. Saigon, in Cochin-China, is the chief French port in these regions, and the European mailboats call there; but Haiphong, at the mouth of the Red River, is destined to grow in importance as the trade with China increases. The annual transit trade across the frontier is now about 5,000,000 francs into Yunnan and 5,200,000 out of it. It is worth marking that Tonquin alone cost France 24,790,000 francs in 1897, and in spite of the elaborate railway system devised by M. Lanessan, the late Governor (of which, by the way, only about 60 miles between Phulang and Langson is as yet completed), and the frantic efforts now being made to capture trade, there is no immediate prospect of Tonquin proving a profitable investment. So far French policy has certainly succeeded in diverting a portion of the China trade from channels open to the British, but there has been no immediate net benefit reaped by France. Of French colonisation generally it may be remarked that it has failed, and for three principal reasons. In the first place the home population is too stationary to supply the new countries with sufficient recruits, and, as has been well said, "Colonies without colonists are a burden, not a source of strength, and without a surplus population emigration either does not exist or it becomes a ruinous drain on the mother country." Again, Frenchmen are for the most part subject to attacks of homesickness, which effectually prevent their proving good colonists. Lastly, the officialism which always follows the French flag drives even Frenchmen to prefer a British colony to one of their own nationality.

It would appear, therefore, that, although for a time Tonquin might prove a thorn in the flesh to British commerce, dogged perseverance along the lines hitherto pursued ought to enable Great Britain still to retain her supremacy in these regions, more especially since she can attack the Chinese trade from the Burma as well as the Canton side. Upper Burma was only annexed on January 1, 1886, and in May last the whole province was raised to the full rank of a local government with a Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Council of its own. If it is to share the as yet unexploited commerce of South-western China it will only be after the completion of its railway system. The present position of that system can be clearly seen from the list of open lines and lines to be constructed issued in the prospectus of the railway company published by N. M. Rothschild and Co. in 1896. The lines open to traffic were—(1) Rangoon to Prome on the Irrawady, 161 miles; (2) Rangoon to Taunghu, 166 miles; (3) Taunghu to Madalay, 220 miles, with a branch to Meiktila and the Mu Valley of 13 miles. The following lines were in the first instance entrusted to the company for construction and completion:—(1) The Mu Valley extension to Myitkina; (2) the line from just south of Mandalay to Kunlon Ferry, 270 miles; and (3) a line from Meiktila to Myingyan on the Irrawady, 55 miles. In September, 1897, it was stated that the Mandalay-Kunlon line would be completed in 1899, while recent explorations show that there is no insuperable engineering difficulty in the way of an extension to Tali Fu and the adjoining Chinese districts. The distance from Kunlon across the Chinese frontier to Tali Fu is about 280 miles, in the course of which the Mekong, about two miles wide, and the Gorge, 2000ft. in width, would have to be crossed. An alternative route into China has also been seriously proposed running from Moulmein across Siam. It will, the writer hopes, be found from this short examination of the situation in the Annamese Peninsula that while there is every reason for strenuous efforts to persevere steadily in opening up Southern China by way of Burma and the West River, there is little for believing that France will prove the serious rival which some British merchants and statesmen are prone to imagine. Statistics show no decline in British trade, and as a mercantile country Great Britain's interests must be commercial rather than territorial.

IV.—THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN ZONE.

The great Western dependencies of China—Mongolia, Eastern Turkestan, and Tibet—have only a very indirect bearing upon the present problem in the Far East. Their politics and commerce belong to India and Central Asia, rather than China proper. On no side do they touch the sea, and their only outlets westward and southward lie through British or Russian territory. The Peking Government was, it is true, dragged into the Pamir question in 1894, but Great Britain was the real motive power behind its opposition to Russian advances. A small trade may some day be established between Northern India and Tibet, and the central Asian markets will probably in the end become Muscovite, but the chief object of Russia and Great Britain in this zone is at present mainly strategic. Except when China promises to prove a useful buffer in the way of Russian progress she is not likely to be consulted about anything the two Powers may arrange between themselves. In the course of the last 30 years Russia has absorbed Independent Tartary and made a general advance along the line of the Chinese frontier, while Great Britain has not sought a permanent extension of her Indian possessions beyond their natural bounds. Advocates and opponents of the "Forward Policy" agree that a strong frontier is the only thing required, but opinions differ as to the proper position of that frontier. In this zone as in the others, Great Britain aims at the integrity of China and the development of her foreign trade. She wisely recognises, however, that Russia's geographical position points to her ultimately dominating the markets of Central Asia, eastwards to the outskirts of Chinese maritime and river commerce, southward to the confines of British influence, and westward to Persia. Within these limits political influence must almost inevitably follow commercial supremacy, and the wisest course seems to lie in accepting with a good grace what cannot be successfully opposed. But if a free hand be given to Russia within her own sphere she must be made to understand quite unmistakably that she will not be allowed to trench upon the free markets of China or the territory of India. Mountains, deserts, and other physical obstacles must for generations to come prevent her pressing into China from the west, and British wakefulness should effectually check encroachments towards the south. The Russian Government would appear to have realised the impossibility of further expansion here; hence its transfer of colonising efforts from Transcaspia to Eastern Siberia and its substitution of an advance upon Corea for its old march towards India. Siberia now forms the pivot of Russia's Asiatic policy, just as India does that of Great Britain. The future of Asia must be in the hands of these two Powers unless by internecine strife they open a way for others to oust them. To the one belongs the north, to the other the south. Each will ultimately round off its dominions in a natural way, while China will be as a huge trading zone between them. Each will also have an ally of the other to check undue advances from its own sphere, Japan acting as the British watchdog in the north and France as the Russian in the south. Such from a British point of view is a desirable forecast of the future, and since her open trading policy always places the odd trump in Great Britain's hand she should be able to gain her point.

THE OLD AGE PENSION QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the proposal for State pensions for the aged has been before the country a comparatively short time there can be little complaint at the progress it has made in public favour. Action has been taken in Parliament. By a large majority it appointed a select committee, which inquired into the whole question and brought up a most favourable and elaborate report, although some of the details are open to exception. It recommended that all persons over 60 years of age, who had not £30 a year, should have pensions of 10s a week, and married couples 15s. The estimated cost to the country was £90,000 a year. It may appear a large sum, but it would be simply a noble and generous donation. It would throw a little sunshine into thousands of lives. Should not our warmest sympathies be with the aged poor? The report wisely said that "the pensions should go as a free gift from the State in recognition of services rendered to it. The pension should be conceded as a right, not as a pauper dole, and its reception ought not in any way to be looked upon as making an invidious distinction." The weakest point in the report was that it proposed special and in some cases objectionable taxation of the people to defray the cost.

The Assembly did not adopt the report but requested the Ministry to consider the whole question. Thus the matter stands. It is many months since but we have no statement that Mr. Reid and his colleagues have come to any decision. This delay is the most unsatisfactory part of the movement.

The whole question of State pensions for the aged resolves itself into two parts. The first is as to providing those with pensions who are now over 60 years of age, and who are in need and distress. This is very urgent. Every day in this colony our aged poor are suffering. The second part is that which proposes a pension for every person over 60 or 65. This is a broader and larger matter altogether. Some form of compulsory insurance is commonly connected with such a scheme, and which would cause a long time to elapse ere benefits would accrue to individuals. A principle is enunciated that it is the duty of all to make a provision for the years of weakness and incapacity.

This second and comprehensive part might stand aside temporarily while the first is being dealt with as being more pressing and well within practical politics. At least, we must no longer talk in a vague way about old-age pensions. The time has passed for that. We must be definite as to methods.

I would suggest a scheme less ambitious than that of the select committee. I would propose that all persons of 60 years and over who have not £20 a year should have a pension of a shilling a day—7s a week. A small reduction might be made in the case of married couples. This would involve less expense and consequently be more within our reach. Proposed obnoxious modes of taxation might be dropped. The scheme of a shilling a day, being more practicable, would be much more likely to pass immediately. Probably £60,000 a year would more than cover the whole cost. Surely out of a revenue of over £9,000,000 such a sum might be spared? Surely some economy be exercised, or some other new proposal might stand aside to permit our aged poor to spend the evening of their lives in some comfort and without racking anxiety to their daily bread. Would it not be more honourable to keep them from want than to have pretentious post-offices or other unnecessarily elaborate buildings? The sum I mention anticipates a saving in expenditure on asylums and in cases of outdoor relief.

One is pleased to know that Mr. Brunker has already done something in the direction of pensions for the aged. Grants of about 5s a week for certain periods are now being made to several old persons. I have had some under observation, and can only speak in the highest terms of the effect. I have seen no abuse or imposition. Safeguards by due inquiry are provided. By these grants several have been saved from the asylum, and perhaps from starvation as many of our old people positively refuse to go to a Poor House. Several husbands and wives have been permitted to live on in love and peace together instead of being barbarously separated by one being sent to Liverpool and the other to Newington. But what has been done by Mr. Brunker only touches the fringe of the distress among the aged.

I hope the urgency of this question will be recognised. The nineteenth century amidst its marvellous achievements would have thrown a distinct point of failure had it proposed no advance on earlier methods in dealing with distress. To give pensions to the aged is a new and practical way of touching an ever present trouble. It is taken up in several countries, and in some is now passed into law, and, as a consequence, much good has been accomplished. When I think of the difficulties of some old persons I know who have honourably fought the battle of life, who have reared families, who by their work have often added to the wealth of the community, and are now in abject poverty, I can conceive no reason for any delay here. In most cases the poverty is no fault of their own and has merely come by the weakness incident to age. To ungrudgingly provide for all such should not only be a duty, but a privilege. If we had to deny ourselves by any tax we should not hesitate about it in view of the work and the need. But with a less ambitious scheme than that of the select committee probably none would be required. The Legislative Assembly has almost unanimously requested the Ministry to consider the question, and I earnestly hope that the result of the deliberations of Mr. Reid and his colleagues will be made known a fairly long time before the general election takes place.

I am, &c., F. B. BOYCE.

February 17.

ELECTIONS TO METROPOLITAN BOARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The three elections by suburban aldermen of representatives to the Water and Sewerage and the Fire Brigade boards and to the Transit Commission will shortly take place. Hitherto these elections have been fixed for different days, and have thus entailed three separate journeys on aldermen living at a distance. It would be both a convenience and an economy if arrangements could be made for holding them on one and the same day, and I trust an effort will be made to do so. Regarding the preparation of the rolls I would say a word. On previous occasions they have not been ready for issue until quite shortly before the day of polling; but, since our annual municipal elections are now over, it would surely not be a matter of much difficulty to get them printed and sent out at once, and thus save inconvenience to the electors. Yours, &c.,

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POULTRY AND KENNEL NOTES.

RICKETS IN DOGS.

This disease is often found in puppies of old worn-out bitches, but improper food, confinement in insanitary kennels, want of exercise and fresh air will render any puppy liable to it, for anything that impairs the general health induces the disease, and occasionally worms have been known to bring about rickets. If the forelegs are the seat of the complaint they bend outwards, and the dog becomes bandy, the knee joints swell up, and the dog looks as if he wanted to fall forward because the joints are weak. If rickets attack the hind legs the limbs turn inwards and the dog becomes "cowhocked." It is not uncommon to find other parts of the body swollen in addition to the above symptoms; the dog generally is in a very low condition, its ribs and hip joints become prominent, and he appears generally emaciated. To successfully treat a dog suffering good food must be given, plenty of fresh air and exercise, as the diseased condition of the bones results from a deficiency of the salts or earthy matters, and foods must be given to the patient which contain an excess of the materials. Bonedust mixed with the food is an excellent thing, and it is also a good plan to give lime-water, which puppies will take with milk. Three or four tablespoonsful a day is enough lime-water for an average-sized puppy. Nothing much better than Parrish's chemical food can be given as a medicine, as it consists of phosphates, which form the constituent of bone that is deficient in this complaint. The dose for a small puppy of about three months old is half a teaspoonful, and for an old or larger one of the same age a teaspoonful may be given with good results. This medicine should be administered three times a day in the food, and continued for a couple of months or more, with breaks of a couple of days every 10 days or so. A little cod liver oil after the dog gains strength will be found of very great advantage, especially to the larger varieties.

FOSTER MOTHERS.

It is very rarely mothers are wholly destitute of milk in the first few days after whelping, but not unfrequently it happens that the supply is far from sufficient for all the puppies, and it often happens the flow is sufficient at first, and then lost altogether in the course of a week or two, in which cases it is necessary either to provide a foster mother or nourish artificially—alternatives that are extremely vexatious and generally difficult to cope with. Those who have large kennels and breed extensively are to some extent fortified against these accidents, for very often they have two or more bitches in service the same time, but in the absence of such happy conditions it is extremely difficult, and more often than otherwise impossible to obtain a suitable foster mother. If a mother lost her first litter because of her milk supply it by no means follows that she will be as unfortunate with her next. Still her owner should have a foster at hand to prevent this accident if again threatened. It often occurs the bitch is of great value, and the owner has paid a large fee for the "service," for the chances are many that even were the assistant not an imperative necessity she may yet be used to a very great advantage and prove a profitable investment—results, by the way, that may confidently be expected where this provision is made for first litters. Foster mothers should be sought for early, and the course that suggests itself as the easiest and surest is to advertise the want in the daily papers at least a month before the bitches they are to assist are expected to whelp. Quality need not enter into the considerations in choosing a foster mother, for a mongrel will do as well as a pure breed. Nor is the question of size a very important one, notwithstanding some breeders insist that the two mothers should be of about the same size; and while it is better, of course, that they be nearly so, a difference in the other direction need not weigh heavily unless very great. However, it is of the highest importance that the foster mother be in good health, and imperatively necessary that she be free from mange and other contagious affections, and that there exist not the slightest danger of her being the carrier of disease. For instance, did she belong to a kennel in which there were or had been cases of distemper, although she herself might be perfectly free from the disease, she would yet be ineligible, since she would likely transmit the germs in her coat. With due regard to possible irregularities in the duration of gestation, it is advisable that the foster be due to whelp about a day earlier than the bitch whose duties she may be called upon to assume. Yet since adjustments need not be attempted, for milk three or four days older than that of the adopted is generally well borne; in fact, instances are not infrequent where puppies in the first or second days of life do well on milk from a week to 10 days old. Some breeders say it is a hard task to induce foster mothers to do their duty by their charges, yet experience is at variance on this point. A wise course to pursue in making the transfers is to remove both litters, put all the puppies into the same basket, and keep them away a few hours. In the meantime the breasts of the foster mother will fill up, and the distension causing her some discomfort she will generally receive the strangers as cordially as she would her own. Careful watching will, of course, be advisable for a time. If all goes well for the first day no uneasiness need be felt.

LAYING.

Six to nine months is the natural average age at which pullets of most breeds begin to lay, and stimulating food given to encourage laying earlier than this is not advisable, as fowls generally cease growing when they begin to lay. Unless they attain the age of six months before cold weather sets in, they seldom, without artificial warmth or high feeding, begin to lay until spring. Hens lay better when the nests are made and placed to their liking, and when one nest egg is at all times left or allowed to remain in the nest; but only one should be left there, unless it is intended that the hen should sit. Care should be taken in placing the china or chalk egg, or else the egg is liable to be broken by coming in contact with it. One nest to every two or three hens is desirable, in order to prevent too many eggs accumulating in one nest. The eggs ought to be gathered regularly, especially if they are intended for hatching or preserving, otherwise if one of the hens begin sitting they will become spoiled. There is no doubt but, if circumstances will permit of it, that hens be allowed to sit and bring up a brood of chickens at least once a year. The inclination is a natural one and should not be restrained except from necessity, for the rest a hen gets during incubation and while rearing her chickens relieves her from that heavy drain upon her strength which constant laying would cause. Heavy breeds such as Cochins and Brahmas should not be allowed to sit when very fat, as the pendulous abdomen of a fat and heavy hen will often crush the eggs while hatching, or crush the young chicks as they emerge from the shell. It is not advisable to breed from birds of the same age. The best results are to be obtained by mating two-year-old hens with a cockerel, or vice versa.

NOTES.

The cooking of eggs seems a very simple matter to write about, but the manner they are boiled adds greatly to their flavour. The best and only good plan for those who do not like them hard-boiled is to put them into boiling water, and immediately take them off the fire, and let them stand from five to six minutes, when they will be found cooked thoroughly through but not hard, and far more delicious than when cooked in the ordinary way. Adopting this method, the exact time for cooking will, of course, require to be somewhat regulated by the quantity of water used for a given number of eggs.

The poultry-keeper who supposes his fowls are properly fed because he sees grain upon the ground before them at all hours, and who bestows upon them no further care about their feeding, commits the greatest error, for overfeeding is a far more common error than underfeeding. A hen is fat more subject to disease and produces less eggs when fat, and when very fat will entirely cease to lay; so there is double loss through overfeeding. They must be regularly fed, and no food left uneaten.

It is a mistake to hatch two breeds having a great difference in their natures in the same brood. For instance, Spanish and Cochins, if hatched in the same brood, scarcely ever do well; the former are so much quicker on their legs, and, therefore, secure more food than the Cochins, who are generally slow in their movements.

The word "trouble" never enters into the vocabulary of the lover of the feathered tribe. No, far from it. None but those who have experienced it can conceive the pleasure attending the performance of these varied and delightful duties. That, for example, for selecting a hen, of watching her day by day as she fulfils patiently her apparent wearisome task of waiting for the first appearance of a chick, and one by one as they emerge from their shells, verily such an excitement—so pleasing, so intense, and yet so healthful—throws into the background that to be obtained from the theatre or card-table, and often renders those who delight in it independent of those excitable amusements.

It is very gratifying to see the steady increase in the number of fowlhouses which appear in small towns or gardens of late years, and still more to ascertain, as we have often done, the generally satisfactory results when sound directions have been followed. Yet, there is still much room for progress in this respect, and there might be a far more general enjoyment of the luxury of a fresh egg at half the present price of stale.

The subject of discontinuing dubbing of game fowls has been discussed by several clubs and committees in England, and there the matter ended, and so it should. We cannot see where the cruelty comes in. It is no more than docking terriers, lambs, and treating horses. Fancy a number of undubbed game in a class at a show, some with their combs standing up irregular, others lopping over. We are glad to learn the N.S.W. Poultry, Pigeon, and Dog Society have unanimously decided not to interfere in any way in the matter, at the same time believing the dubbing improves the appearance as well as the utility of the bird.

Many agricultural societies stand in their own light in several ways. In the first place, the duration of time they keep the show open deters many exhibitors from sending birds and dogs, for they naturally think the game is not worth the candle when their best specimens are concerned. Then, again, the prize money generally is so small, often 5s first prize and 2s 6d second; and frequently the animal is tied up in the open to a fence or stake, exposed to the weather. Another matter that would tend to increase the popularity of these shows would be to announce the names of the judges. Why societies should make this such a profound secret we are at a loss to know, because the gentlemen generally selected are well-known and respected judges or breeders, and we feel sure to print the names of those who would adjudicate would tend to largely increase the interests of the society. Exhibitors do not like anything mysterious, especially when there is no reason at all for mystery.

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FUGITIVE NOTES.

Those hasty students of politics who jumped to the conclusion that because Mr. Lyne did not immediately declare his policy he had none must have been quite undeceived by this time. The real matter that was troubling Mr. Lyne apparently was not a policy—he was taking time to think which policy he should put forward. He has so many policies, and the great idea in making a final selection of this sort is, as every wise politician knows, to give every lady and gentleman in the community something that will suit. In fact, a policy to suit every taste is the main thing to be achieved—something that no house should be without, and which a child can handle with safety. Of course, I admit that it is a little difficult to get hold of an elastic political prescription of this sort; but Mr. Lyne appears to be making a plucky effort to meet the times. And his plan is distinctly original; at least, I am not aware that any other gentleman in this line of business has ever attempted it before. It seems to consist mainly in offering a large assortment. Mr. Lyne himself is for abolishing land and income tax, and getting all the revenue through the Customhouse; and this ought to suit those oppressed persons who own land and have incomes. On the other hand, the masses have to be a little considered, and so a section of Mr. Lyne's followers are for keeping on with direct taxation. And, as I have ventured to suggest, if the party is able to prepare half a dozen different "platforms," suiting each one to the electoral audience it is set up before, it ought to do extremely well. The thing is to undermine your proletariat in detachments. It is a little unfortunate, no doubt, that the proletariat nowadays reads so much, and that the elections take place all on the same day—there is a horrid spirit of comparison abroad. But if only one section of the people will vote for one of Mr. Lyne's platforms, and another section for a second, and so on, how successful he may yet be.

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I see that the Postmaster-General has decided to "extend the time during which the old issue of postage stamps may be used till June 30 of this year." I am sure this act of clemency and mercy will be heartily appreciated by all, and it ought to make us pause and reflect on the benefit of living in the midst of a broad and humane civilisation. Only there is such a thing as being too sentimentally kind to the weaknesses of a pampered community; and I am not sure that this is not a case in point. Before the Postmaster-General issued his amnesty, so to speak—that was last Thursday—the person who was caught using an obsolete postage stamp was fined. The old issue of stamps went out with the Record Reign insanity; and when the new stamps came in, if you possessed any of the old ones you were expected to exchange them. Six months were allowed for this purpose, and, as I say, Mr. Cook has now given us another period of grace. It is too, too kind. At this rate of progress the State will soon place absolute bars in the way of the person who desires to become a criminal. Already people are displaying a dangerous tendency to keep out of gaol, and this sort of weak-kneed tolerance on the part of the Government will foster that feeling. Can there be anything more wicked than using an obsolete stamp? You are in the back blocks, say, miles away from anywhere; and the idea suddenly takes you to write to your uncle, who has lately come into money. You write the letter and then you search your box for a stamp and at last you find one that you have had by you for a year. It is of the old issue, of course, and you, in your mad, wicked carelessness, affix it to the envelope. Could there be a worse offence, I repeat? Or you are in the city and haven't read the Government regulations, and you do as doth the offender in the back blocks. It is quite true that you have paid for the stamps and the Government has your money; but what of that? The duty of a citizen does not end when he has paid for his stamps. He ought to constantly study the Post Office regulations to know at what point his purchase becomes a crime.

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Of course in due time—when we are all sufficiently enlightened—the alien will be quite suppressed; he will belong to the past tense of progress. Meanwhile the doomed creature often feels his position acutely, as I think the following letter will witness. Of course it all arises through the alien being an Alien. Why cannot he be something else? Say, an English navvy, who drinks his wages and beats his wife, in accordance with the genius of the race. Meanwhile this tear:—

Jundah, Feb. 1.

Dear Sir,—The police of this town have seized on my opium, and intend to summons me. I only had half a tin for my own use, and never sold any. I am very bad, if I can't get opium I'll die. I want to know can they search my hut like they did, and take it all. I want to know why I have not been noticed before. Police say doctor can't sell him, neither can the Chinese, suppose I buy off either of them, I get fined also; very bad now, close up dead, see the lawyer and tell me what to do quick as possible—I loose plenty of time, can't grow vegetable of any kind, and the people can't understand why they have taken it from me. Write quickly. Yours truly, MON SING.

This letter was addressed to some friends in Sydney, and was handed to me as throwing a curious light on the habits of the alien. No doubt some weak-minded people will sympathise with Mon Sing, thus deprived of his little alien creature comforts. But persons of a sterner cast will simply see in the complaint the natural judgment that attends on those who persist in being aliens in spite of the advantages of being quite otherwise.

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China seems to be in rather a delicate position just now. On the one hand it is hurrying around, so to speak, offering large presents of territory in out-of-the-way places to the nations of Europe, whilst, on the other hand, it has to rush into quiet places and mark up outside "Not at Home" to the ambassadors of other nations who will persist in offering it things. The cables of my correspondent threw rather an interesting light on the situation:—

LONDON, Feb. 17.

China has offered to Russia the island of Hanki-Panki in the interior of the great Chinese desert, on the understanding that Russia gives up her claim to £5,000,000 of compensation for the death of a sailor on a Chinese station from natural causes.

LONDON, Later.

The Czar has refused the offer of Hanki-Panki Island, and insists upon Pekin being garrisoned by Russian troops. He also insists that a trans-continental railway shall be built through the heart of China, to be connected by submarine tunnel with Vladivostock, thence to St. Petersburg. This is to be built at China's expense, and in return Russia will defray the entire cost of a variety company, to visit China regularly.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The English Ambassador called on the Chinese Premier at Pekin to-day, and presented him with a railway and a loan of £50,000,000. Much indignation is expressed at this in St. Petersburg, and the Czar is furious. He said that, if the Emperor of China wanted a little ready money, why could he not have asked him—the Czar. They had known each other long enough.

LONDON, Later.

Germany has offered to take over 300,000 square miles of Chinese territory without conditions. China has suggested a swamp near Rangoon.

LONDON, Last.

Mr. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the London "Times," says that the battle of diplomacy now proceeding in China is fatal to his peace of mind. Silver is falling.

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I really fail to see anything so extremely startling in the crime of Lord William Nevill. Why should the aristocracy be supposed free of this sort of crime more than any other class? If kind hearts are more than coronets, ready cash, too, is often more than noble blood; and a nobleman in straits feels this as much as another. There is no intrinsic reason why, because a man is a descendant of the Plantagenets, he should not succumb to temptation; and it is perfectly absurd for anyone to lose faith in the British peerage because, as they say at Darlinghurst, Lord Nevill has "fallen in." For my own part, I intend to keep on with my weekly penny novelette, where every character is an earl or a marquess, and only the very best phases of polite society are depicted. We should remember that, though a lord has been found guilty of forgery, there are, in revenge, quite a number of insignificant people yet undetected. To me the most arresting feature about the whole affair seems to be the stern justice meted out to the offender. There are courts of law—not, of course, English courts of law—that would acquit any lord, just because he was a lord, of any crime in the calendar. But the Toady Judge does not yet appear to have found lodgement on the English Bench. A. B. C.

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However strongly we may believe in the superiority of Britain's Navy, and in the inherent soundness and strength of her people, we yet cannot suppress an uneasy feeling that she is more vulnerable than any of the great nations in one lowly, but vital, particular—the Commissariat Department. All other nations but England can feed their populations on the products of their own lands, and if a wall of steel were placed round Russia, France, Germany, or the United States of America, the people of those countries, though deprived of many of the luxuries, would yet be secure in the possession of the necessaries of life. Far otherwise is it with England. For very many years her sons—adventurous, speculative, wealth-seeking—have been exploiting the world, and gathering in its riches so freely that a vast population has been enabled to accumulate on a comparatively small space, and purchase from oversea the necessaries which the land could not possibly produce. What population the islands of Britain could support on native products it is not easy to estimate, but if we turn back to pre-manufacturing days we find that, according to Gibbon—who gives the information in a footnote to his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"—the population of the British islands about the year 1776 was 8,000,000, which was, perhaps, the number that could derive support from the soil in those days of somewhat primitive methods of cultivation. Perhaps in modern times, when the country is thoroughly opened up, cleared, and drained, and mechanical appliances facilitate agricultural work, a population of 16,000,000 could obtain, at all events, the necessaries of life, such as breadstuffs and meat, from British soil.

Yet the present population is some 39,000,000, or nearly three times as many as could be fed on the products of British soil. When we grasp the meaning of these figures, we can readily understand that there is some reason in the arguments of those writers and speakers who point out that Britain at no time possesses sufficient provisions to feed her entire population for more than six weeks, and that therefore if a complete blockade of her coasts were successfully established, she would have to capitulate and accept any terms offered in the short period of one month and a half.

Of course, everyone knows that to establish a complete blockade of the extensive sea-coast of Britain, with its numerous harbours, would be well-nigh impossible, even were the fleet first disposed of, but even a partial blockade would cause very serious inconvenience in a country so ill-provisioned.

This question has occasioned much anxious consideration, and it has been pointed out, over and over again, that any country that draws its provisions from a distance is vulnerable all along the line of communication. As one writer put it, in a homely and forcible manner, a resident of London who obtained his daily supply of bread from Edinburgh ran a much greater risk of one day going breakfastless than he who could purchase his bread on the spot. For 20 years the train or steamer bearing the bread from the one city to the other might run without mishap, but at the commencement of the twenty-first year, a storm, landslip, or accident of some kind, might cause the expectant Londoner to go hungry.

Various expedients for getting over the difficulty have been 'suggested'—one being the establishment of Government granaries all over the country, in which not less than two years' supply of wheat for the whole population could be stored. This hopeful suggestion was put forward in the House of Commons not long since, but was discountenanced on a member of the Salisbury Government pointing out that the living creatures most likely to benefit by the granaries would be rats.

A more practical suggestion was to stimulate the closer cultivation of the land by encouraging the settlement on limited areas of a multitude of small proprietors or leaseholders who would, of course, work their holdings much more thoroughly than large proprietors, and thus greatly increase the productiveness of the whole country. Those who advocate this scheme point out that France, which supports a population about equal to that of the British Islands, is not greatly larger than the latter in grass area. Her land, however, is held by about two million peasant proprietors, who cultivate every available rood of the fertile surface; while Britain, in the hands of 375,000 proprietors, has thousands upon thousands of acres lying practically idle under demesne lands, deer parks, and the like. Certainly there is a vast difference in the appearance of the two countries.

Nothing impresses the visitor to the south and centre of France more than the extraordinarily close cultivation of the country. Fences there are none for hundreds of miles, and one man's crop grows up in absolute contact with his neighbour's, while the roads pass through the standing crops, and are so narrow that the wheels brush the grain or fruit trees on either side. Every rood, every foot, every inch almost, is utilised, and even the very hill sides are scooped and terraced to carry vines and fruit trees. So small are the holdings, and so tiny the plots of each cereal, fruit, or vegetable cultivated, that all work is done by hand, and the country has the appearance of a huge chess board. Demesnes there are few or none, though here and there on the hillsides may be seen the ruins of chateaux which were probably destroyed in the days of the Revolution.

There is no waste room. Jacques Bonhomme and his wife hold all the land, and from dawn to dewy eve may be seen toiling in the fields, or tending the small squads of thoroughly domesticated sheep which graze on the little chess squares of grass, and never attempt to trespass on the growing crops all around.

Having seen all this, and noted the sunny nature of the climate, and well-matured, fertile soil, the observer, knowing the frugal habits of the people, is better able to understand than was formerly the case with him how it is that France supports a population of nearly 40,000,000 people on the products of her own soil.

Crossing to England he finds a very different state of things, for even Kent—"the garden of England"—gives him the idea of being "all grass" after the close cultivation of France, and everywhere the demesne, with its broad acres of unproductive park land, or plantations, is in evidence.

Everywhere he goes in England signs of the decline of agriculture, of which he has heard, are visible, and the impression grows on him that the country is lying fallow. In Essex, where once were vast areas of wheat land, little else than grass land is now to be seen.

In point of fact, the larger England's population grows the less does she cultivate her own lands, and the more does she depend on oversea sources for supplies wherewith to feed her people.

As she draws no inconsiderable portion of these supplies from us in Australia, we might, for selfish considerations, wish the present state of things to continue, but from a higher feeling of love for the old land we would rejoice to see her mend this weak place in her defensive armour, and by cultivating a quantity of food stuffs more in proportion to the requirements of her population, render herself less absolutely dependent on the fleet than is now the case. No one doubts the strength of the fleet, or its ability to keep the seas open and the population of Britain from starving, but nevertheless it is as true in these day of great nations and great rivalries as it was in the days of the ancient Archer, that it is well to have "two strings to your bow."

J. C. M.

WHO PAYS THE DUTY?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I am an importer of rock salt. I pay about 15s per ton for it to the producer in England. When the recent duties were in force I paid 20s per ton duty on every ton I landed in New South Wales. This 20s per ton I charged on to my customers together with the 15s paid the producer, also freight charges and a fair profit to myself. According to the dictum of the leaders of the protectionist party the "foreign producer" paid this 20s a ton duty; therefore I had no right to charge it on to my customers. Will protectionists kindly enlighten me on the following:—1. When did the foreign producer pay the duty, and to whom? 2. How, seeing that the foreign producer received only 15s per ton from me, was he able to pay the 20s per ton duty and prosper? Because if he pays this duty (which the protectionist leaders say he does) not only has he been giving me salt for nothing but paying 5s a ton for the privilege of giving it away for nothing. In other words, he receives 15s and pays 20s.

Knowing how closely the protectionists adhere to the truth when instructing the multitude I am in a dilemma, because it is clear the duty has been paid twice over—namely, by myself and by the foreign producer—and I am in some anxiety to be put on the track of obtaining a refund from the unscrupulous Government departments responsible, so that I may be in a position to refund the 20s a ton which I have unwittingly charged in excess to my customers for many years. I should not have paid this duty and charged it on, as it had already been paid by the foreign producer. The same principle applies to a greater or lesser extent to other articles, such as coarse salt, kerosene, &c. I am, &c., E.

The King of Siam has conferred upon Sir Edwin Arnold the insignia of his Order of the Grand Officer of the Crown of Siam, "in recognition of good work done for the sake of Eastern religions."

LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

A DIVORCE APPEAL.

Hawkesworth v. Hawkesworth (part heard).

Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the appellant (the wife); and Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss and Barry, for the respondent (the husband). This was an appeal by Mary Hawkesworth, the respondent in a suit brought by her husband, Alfred Hawkesworth, from the order of his Honor Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson, sitting in Divorce on October 26 last, directing that no costs of and incidental to the motion and order before the Court be allowed to the respondent except the costs of that day, which were assessed in the sum of £2 2s. The grounds of the appeal were—(1) That his Honor was in error in refusing to allow the respondent her costs; (2) that the respondent having no means, her solicitors were not only justified, but were bound, to make the application for costs, and were by the order not only deprived of any remuneration for their work and trouble incidental to the application, but have been compelled to pay out of their own moneys the court fees and fees to counsel necessarily occasioned by the application; (3) that the solicitors for the respondent did not act in any way improperly in making the application; (4) that the application made on behalf of the respondent was successful, as appeared by the order; (5) that various adjournments of the application were occasioned by or consented to by the solicitors for the petitioner, and his Honor was in error in depriving the respondent's solicitors of the costs thereby necessarily occasioned.

The Chief Justice (before the argument was resumed) said the Bench had been in consultation that morning with Mr. Justice Simpson, who explained the ground upon which he decided the matter. One of the principal reasons which induced his Honor not to give costs against the husband was that he thought there should have been a claim or demand for costs in the first instance before an application was made in Court. The same thing had frequently occurred in common law Chambers. There were many matters in which if a demand had been made in the first instance there would have been no necessity for coming to the Court and putting the parties to unnecessary expense. That being the ground upon which his Honor acted the question was whether the Court could interfere with his discretion.

Mr. Ralston said that was exactly the hardship to his client. The application was made on affidavit, and he could have filed an affidavit showing that when the first application was made for costs the other side absolutely refused to give anything, and it would have been futile in such circumstances to make a demand. That was the position the other side took up all along, and when the first order was made they took it as final.

Mr. Whitfeld said he did not admit the correctness of Mr. Ralston's statement.

The Chief Justice: The question was whether the Court thought the Judge had made such a manifestly erroneous exercise of his discretion or that his decision was founded upon such an entirely wrong principle that the Court was justified in interfering with it.

Mr. Ralston submitted that the Judge proceeded upon an entirely wrong principle. The result of this would be that respectable attorneys would not take up these cases. He said advisedly that they had a most undesirable class of attorneys taking up cases for the wife.

Mr. Justice Stephen: If there is any undesirable class of practitioners, I think it is a very great pity we have not some means of getting rid of them.

Mr. Ralston said that, as his Honor knew, it was almost impossible to cull them out. Anybody who had practised in the Divorce Court knew that the attempt to keep down costs, though no doubt very laudable in some respects, led to a very undesirable state of things. The fact was palpable.

The Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Stephen and Mr. Justice Cohen concurring) said that a very strong case indeed would have to be made out before he would deprive an attorney of his costs. The Court was not called upon, however, to say what it would have done in the circumstances, but the influence on the mind of the Judge in Divorce was that in this case there ought to have been a demand before an application was made in Court. There was no imputation against the attorney, and all that could be said was that some precaution should have been taken by the attorney, or that the application was somewhat premature. The Court could only interfere when it saw that the discretion of the Judge in the Court below had been manifestly erroneously exercised. The Court failed entirely to see that, and the onus lay upon the appellant to make that clear. It was impossible for him to say that he had made it out so clearly that the Court could interfere. Another ground was that the Judge had proceeded on a wrong principle; but he could not see that that contention had been made out.

Appeal dismissed.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

AN EQUITY APPEAL.

Irving v. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. Lingen (instructed by Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden) appeared for the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (appellants); and Mr. Adrian Knox and Mr. Harvey (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co.) for the respondent (plaintiff). This was an appeal by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney against a portion of the decree of Mr. Justice Manning, Chief Judge in Equity, on November 19 last. It appeared that Richard Francis Irving, the plaintiff, a grazier, of Teandra, became in September, 1892, the purchaser of the equity of redemption, subject to a mortgage from one Burnside to the Commercial Bank, of 400 acres of conditionally purchased land at Coonamble. Prior to the sale the plaintiff endeavoured to obtain from the defendant bank a release of the mortgage or a transfer of the lands by the payment of the amount owing on the mortgage; but the defendant bank claimed the sum of £530 12s 11d as being due on the security of the mortgage, whereas according to the plaintiff there was an item of £285 1s 1d which was not properly chargeable on the security, and the claim for which was subsequently withdrawn by the defendant bank. On March 1, 1894, the lands were put up to auction by order of the defendant bank under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and were bought by A. Leeson for £400, which was duly paid to the defendant bank. On April 19, 1894, plaintiff, through his solicitor, demanded from the bank payment of the balance of the purchase money after deducting what was due and owing to the bank. On May 9, 1895, the defendant bank rendered to the plaintiff an account omitting all claims in respect of £285 1s 1d, but including a number of charges for legal work, and offered to pay plaintiff £54 0s 7d, and submitted that they were entitled to retain out of the moneys arising from the sale of the mortgaged property all the expenses of the sale, or otherwise, incident to the securities held; also the amount of principal and interest money, which, on April 27, 1895, the date of the payment by the purchaser of the balance of the purchase money, was owing on the security of Burnside's bonds and mortgages, and also all costs, charges, and expenses properly incurred in reference to the mortgage debt and otherwise in respect to the defendant bank's position as mortgagee. The plaintiff refused to accept the amount offered and brought a suit for an account of what was due on March 1, 1894, to the defendant bank for principal, interest, and costs upon the security of the mortgage. On November 19 last the Chief Judge in Equity, directed the Master in Equity to inquire what sum was due on April 12, 1894, to the defendant bank, and ordered that in taking such account the defendant bank was to be charged with the receipt of the sum of £400 on that date. Against this order the defendant bank appealed on the following grounds:—1. That the sale by the bank was in strict pursuance of the power contained in the mortgage given by the plaintiff's predecessor in title. 2. Such sale was therefore made with the authority of the mortgagor, and therefore it cannot be said that the sale was made behind the mortgagor's back, or that he had nothing to do with it. 3. The power of sale was a special and not a general power. 4. A mortgagee selling under a power can only be charged with the moneys arising on the sale as and when they are paid to the mortgagee. 5. The mortgagee is not the del credere agent of the mortgagor in the exercise of the power of sale. 6. The interest payable by the mortgagor to the mortgagee bears no relation to the interest paid by the purchaser to the mortgagee. The first is a payment for the use of the mortgagee's money; the second is a payment for the use of the mortgagor's land until the purchase money is fully paid, and is in the nature of rent.

Mr. Knox, before the proceedings before the Equity Court were read, said that he had a preliminary objection to the Court's hearing the appeal, and on that he asked leave to read an affidavit by Mr. James Johnson on matters which took place after the decree of his Honor was pronounced. He submitted that the Court would not entertain the appeal, because it was simply an attempt by the Commercial Bank to get a point of law decided. It was argued on the part of the plaintiff that the account ought to have been taken on a certain basis. That was argued, and his Honor reserved judgment; and between the time of reserving and delivering judgment plaintiff's attorney went into the matter, and found that if he succeeded in getting his Honor's decision he would be 15s 11d worse off than before. The same day that his Honor pronounced judgment plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the solicitors for the bank stating that they absolutely abandoned plaintiff's right to have an account taken in the way he had pressed for; and two days before the defendant bank filed notice of appeal plaintiff's solicitors wrote stating, in addition to mentioning his abandonment of the point he had taken, that he would consent to an order being made against him for any costs for having set up that contention. Their answer was that they would not consent.

Sir Julian Salomons: No. We said, "Go to the Judge and take out an order." The appeal only goes to the basis on which the account should be taken, and we are entitled to have a decision on the point.

After hearing argument, and without calling upon Sir Julian Salomons to reply,

The Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Stephen and Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson concurring) said that the bill was filed for an account, and the question arose as to what form the account should take, and from what date the bank should give credit for the receipt of these moneys. The plaintiff relied upon the decision in the case of Hickey v. Heydon, 16 N.S.W. L.R. Eq. 49, to show that the bank was bound to give credit in the beginning of the account for £400 when only £200 was admitted to have been received. His Honor not being in a position to overrule the case cited gave effect to it. He was clearly of opinion that that case was not applicable to a mortgage of this character. On November 19 Mr. Justice Manning made the decree now appealed against, and it was now stated by the plaintiff's counsel that under the circumstances which he detailed the defendant bank ought to have no costs even though they were successful. The decree, however, stood as a decision of the Court of Record, and therefore the defendants were entitled to appeal against it if they considered it erroneous in point of law, and get their costs if successful. He thought that the decision appealed against was erroneous, and must be varied, and the appeal would be allowed with costs.

The question of the form in which the decree should be varied was left over for further consideration.

VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT.

(Before the Honorable Sir Frederick Darley, Judge Commissary.)

THE CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mort's Dock and Engineering Company versus the Aorangi.

Application for a Stay of Proceedings.

Mr. Ralston (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co.) appeared for Mr. George Stapleton Barnes, the official receiver or now provisional liquidator of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company, Limited, and the owners of the vessels, and moved for a stay of proceedings and an order setting aside all proceedings already taken against the company. If the Court should be against him on that point he asked that all further proceedings should be temporarily suspended in the interests of all parties pending the winding up of the company. In the alternative he asked that a certain time be allowed to the company to file pleas in answer. He moved on the ground that at the time the proceedings here were taken the winding up order in England had been made.

The Chief Justice: How does that bind this Court?

Mr. Ralston: Well, if it does not bind the Court I submit that this Court will assist another Court by staying proceedings.

The Chief Justice: I do not think so. The first thing this Court has to see is that the creditors within its jurisdiction are paid.

Mr. Ralston said that under the Admiralty Act this Court was not only a colonial court, but a branch of the Court of Admiralty in England, and had jurisdiction almost as wide as the Court in England. It was as much bound as the Admiralty Court in England was by the winding-up order and would act in the same way. If his Honor took the view that this was really a branch of the Admiralty Court of England and not a local Court, then he asked for a stay of proceedings on the ground that under the English Companies Act all proceedings were null and void after the winding-up order was made. If, however, his Honor took the view that it was simply a local Court, then he submitted that it would assist the English Court in the winding-up by a stay of proceedings pending certain arrangements.

The Chief Justice: And refer all the creditors in this colony to England.

Mr. Ralston said he did not say that he asked for a stay of proceedings provisionally. It might be to the interest of the creditors here that there should be a stay of proceedings for a time. It would not be to the interest of the creditors that the steamers should be seized and sold. If things were pushed to extremes the company would simply be ruined, as the mortgagees would step in, and the mortgage exceeded the value of the vessel. The company was only valuable as a going concern, and it was to the interest of all parties to have a stay of proceedings in order to see if some modus vivendi could not be hit upon by the people in England. It was a very serious question whether this practically new company should be, so to speak, knocked on the head.

The Chief Justice: It will not be knocked on the head by the people out here.

Mr. Ralston said that if the Court was against him as to a stay of proceedings, he asked at any rate that a postponement should be granted in order to allow time to plead, and to obtain legal proof of the winding-up order and the appointment of the provisional liquidator.

Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss and Barry, appeared for Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited, to oppose the application, on the ground that there was no precedent for it, and that his friend's contention was not supported by authority. The steamers of the company were, as a matter of fact, running now, and the company had given security for the claims. This was simply an attempt to delay the creditors.

At 6 p.m. further argument was adjourned until 1 p.m. on Thursday next.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

SHEAD v. SHEAD.

This was a suit for divorce brought by Philip Shead against his wife, Margaret Ann Shead, on the ground of her adultery with John Crone, who was named as co-respondent. The case was heard at Young, before Mr. Justice Stephen, in October of last year, and the issues were found in favour of the petitioner. On the motion of Mr. Lyons his Honor granted a decree nisi, returnable in one month.

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

Decrees nisi in the cases of Clancy v. Clancy and James v. James (Trevillion co-respondent) were made absolute.

WILSON v. WILSON.

Further hearing was given to this case, in which William Wilson, a police constable, sued for a dissolution of his marriage with Mary Wilson, formerly Washington, on the ground of habitual drunkenness for three years and upwards, and neglect of domestic duties. Mr. Pickburn appeared for the petitioner, and Mr. Whitfeld for the respondent.

The case for the petitioner having closed Mr. Whitfeld called evidence in refutation. The respondent, Mary Wilson, in the course of her evidence, denied in detail the statements made by petitioner.

Several witnesses, neighbours of petitioner and respondent, said that they had never noticed Mrs. Wilson in a state of drunkenness. They had often seen the children, and did not notice them in a neglected state.

Blanche Day, an inspectress under the Children's Relief Department, said she had visited Mrs. Wilson in the course of her rounds, and had found the house fairly clean. The children looked as if they were attended to.

His Honor in giving judgment, said he entertained considerable doubt as to whether this woman had been an habitual drunkard for three years and upwards, and had habitually neglected her domestic duties. Habitual drunkenness on the part of his wife for three years and more would not entitle a man to a divorce. There must be in addition to that neglect of domestic duties. It was true that it almost followed that if a woman were a drunkard she would neglect her domestic duties, but it was not necessarily so. An array of respectable people who lived near her had come to court and said they had never seen Mrs. Wilson drunk at all. Whenever they saw the children they were neat and clean. He dismissed the petition on the ground that he was not satisfied the woman had been an habitual drunkard for three years and upwards. There was such an array of testimony against that contention that he could not obliterate it altogether, or say that it was not to be relied upon. He also dismissed the petition on the further ground that, even if he were satisfied in that respect, the offence had undoubtedly been condoned on April 13, and he was of opinion that the one act of drunkenness since that condonation was not sufficient to revive the original offence.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re William Nicholson Stone. A copy of the official assignee's report is to be forwarded to the bankrupt, who is to be informed that he must answer such report by affidavit, to be filed by March 4.

Re Alexander R. L. Ferguson. Mr. G. Crichton Smith, as agent for Mr. P. J. Meyer, of Goulburn, was for the bankrupt; and the official assignee (Mr. L. T. Lloyd) appeared in opposition to the application. The Registrar said that the bankrupt, at his public examination when asked about his books, swore: "I have only kept a time book and no other books of account. I have handed that book to the official assignee." Then, of course, he knew that if he admitted that he kept any other books he would be called upon to produce them. Now he found that not having kept books there would be a difficulty about his certificate, and he swore that he kept other books. His own solicitor's affidavit bore out his evidence, because search was made for his papers, which were found together in Mr. Gannon's office, and this one book was discovered and only this one. He (the Registrar) must therefore conclude that he kept no other book. In his affidavit the bankrupt also said that he did not remember receiving notice from the official assignee requiring the accounts. That notice was also found with the book which was handed over to Mr. Gannon. Notice was given to file accounts. That notice was treated with contempt. Therefore he must deal very severely with this application. He must suspend the certificate for two years.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPLY.

Re Matthew Pritchard. Mr. Ickerson, on behalf of the bankrupt, moved for leave to apply under section 29, sub-section 2, of the Bankruptcy Act Amendment Act of 1896, to review the decision of the Registrar. On March 23, 1896, the Registrar refused to grant the certificate on the grounds that the bankrupt failed to keep proper accounts, continued to trade, and obtained credit over £50, knowing himself to be insolvent, contracted debts without having at the time any reasonable or probable expectation of being able to pay, and gave undue preference. Mr. Ickerson said that at the time referred to the bankrupt had no legal assistance, and many things which could have been brought before the Court were not. He read an affidavit.

The Registrar read the judgment he gave, and said it was a carefully considered one. He went into every particular carefully. He heard the bankrupt, and read all the evidence that had been given, and Mr. Ickerson could adduce nothing which was not before him then. To grant the present application would be simply wasting the time of the Court, and putting the bankrupt to unnecessary expense. There would be no finality to anything if he allowed such an application. If the bankrupt felt the decision was wrong he could have appealed at the proper time.

Mr. Ickerson: This Amending Act is to save that trouble.

Mr. L. T. Lloyd (official assignee): This was very carefully gone into. There was plenty of opportunity for the bankrupt to bring forward anything he wanted to.

Application refused.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re William Henry Wilson. The bankrupt was examined by the official assignee. He stated that he was bankrupt eight years ago, and never applied for his certificate. He was married, with a family of five children. He gave a bill of sale over his furniture 12 months ago. It was seized about December 27. The meeting closed, and the public examination was concluded.

Re Ellen O'Brien. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. C. Manning. She said that her bankruptcy was owing to signing bills for her daughter. She signed her name instead of her daughter's. She took out a contract to build a house for her daughter. It was her daughter's property. The meeting closed and the public examination was concluded.

Re William Taylor. The bankrupt was examined by the official assignee. The meeting closed and the public examination was concluded.

Re George Marsden Smythe. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. Sullivan, solicitor for a proved creditor. He stated that he sometimes went to racecourses. He lost about £70 to bookmakers. In five months his accounts showed that he won £110. In 1895 he received £150 from his wife, who had her own estate. He paid £150 for a share in a patent. He was travelling round New Zealand for the benefit of his health for nearly 12 months.

As the bankrupt professed to be unable to remember from whom he bought some vehicles and horses the Registrar adjourned the matter to March 4 to enable him to refresh his memory.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re John James Walters.—Mary Walters, the mother of the bankrupt was sworn and examined by Mr. Gordon, and the examination closed.

Re James Thomas Piper. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. Hemsley, solicitor for the official assignee, and the examination was, on the application of that gentleman, adjourned to March 8. The bankrupt need not attend unless he receives notice.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re James Rabinowich. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. Harden, solicitor for the official assignee. He stated that he had been to Melbourne since last Friday and did not get permission of the Court to leave the jurisdiction. The examination was adjourned to the 25th instant on the application of Mr. Harden.

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Robert Little, trading as Robert Little and Co., of Sussex-street, Sydney, v. Mills and Abbott, trading as Mills and Abbott, of Lewisham. Petition to be heard on March 4.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

William Henry Cook, of Waigett. Official assignee, Mr. N. F. Giblin.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. Oliver, president, and Brandis, commissioner.)

THE MERCADOOL DISPUTE.

The celebrated Mercadool case, which has been in progress for about two years, again occupied the attention of the Appeal Court, the matter having been sent back by the Supreme Court for a re-statement of the case. Mr. Pike (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co.) appeared for the selector, James Wilson, and Messrs. Haydon and Cannaway for the Crown. After hearing argument, which lasted the whole day, the Court intimated that having due regard to the arguments which had been heard and the communication from the Supreme Court the case would be re-stated.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Docker.)

SMITH v. SNEDDON.

This was a case in which Robert Smith, a sea captain, sued Andrew Sneddon for the sum of £32, alleged to be due from defendant to plaintiff for wages and in lieu of notice of termination of plaintiff's appointment. Mr. Russell (Messrs. Russell and Sly) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. G. W. Ash for defendant. Plaintiff, who had been engaged as captain of one of defendant's vessels, at a salary of £16 a month, claimed that the agreement which he had made with defendant was of such a nature that one month's notice of termination was due to either of the parties. Plaintiff also claimed that a certain sum was owing to him by defendant for services rendered. Defendant contended that the engagement was terminable at will. A sum equivalent to 12 days' salary was paid into court. A verdict was given for defendant, with costs.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before his Honor Mr. Acting Justice Rogers.)

Mr. J. C. Gannon was Crown Prosecutor.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The trial of Charles Arthur Hudson, Marion Child, Emily Martha Cook, and Arthur Barton Miles upon a charge of manslaughter was continued. As stated in yesterday's report, the accused were alleged to be concerned in the performance of an illegal operation which had resulted in the death of Ada Alice Miles, wife of the accused Miles. Mr. Moss appeared for Hudson, Mr. Levien for Child, Mr. Montagu for Cook, and Mr. Abigail for Miles.

Dealing with the objection of Mr. Levien to the admission of dying depositions taken before Mr. Paton at Kincumber, his Honor ruled that the document was admissible as evidence. At the same time he admitted that there was some doubt about the admissibility of such evidence, as the proceedings at which it was taken were commenced before one magistrate and continued before another.

An objection raised by Mr. Abigail to the admission of the deposition of Miles taken at the inquest at Gosford was also overruled.

The whole day was taken up with the hearing of police and medical evidence, interspersed with legal arguments, and when the Court adjourned the case remained but part heard. It will be resumed today.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.)

Mr. J. C. Gannon was Crown Prosecutor.

ALLEGED FORGED RAILWAY TICKETS.

James Tuxford, John Keogh, and Patrick Duggan were charged with having on December 11 uttered three forged railway tickets at Strathfield with intent to defraud. The accused, who had travelled by the mail train from Melbourne to Sydney in a first-class smoking carriage, stated that they had bought the half-tickets for return to Sydney in Melbourne. Expert evidence was given to the effect that the tickets never had any other halves. After deliberating for four hours the jury returned into Court, and the foreman intimated that they desired to record a verdict equivalent to "not proven." As this was not possible a verdict of not guilty was recorded and the accused were discharged.

SENTENCES.

Walter Murridge, found guilty of housebreaking, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Leave to petition was refused.

John M'Mahon, convicted of robbery in company, received a sentence of penal servitude for six years.

George Thompson, also found guilty of robbery in company, was sent to gaol for four years.

Andrew Archibald Heaton, who had pleaded guilty to larceny, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

James Magnus and Christopher Lorensen, found guilty of stealing horsehair, were sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, the sentences to be suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act upon each accused finding two sureties of £50 to be of good behaviour during the period of the sentence.

John Scott, for escaping from Biloela Gaol, received a week's additional imprisonment.

John Bromley, who had pleaded guilty to larceny, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Charles Sellers, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing jewellery, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, the sentence to be suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act upon accused finding two sureties of £20 each to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

EXPLANATION BY MR. LEVIEN.

Mr. R. H. Levien stated that he desired to make a statement in reference to the case of Thomas Simpson, who had been convicted of larceny as a public servant. He had purposely deferred his explanation until sentence had been passed. The accused had stated that he (Mr. Levien) had held out inducements to him to plead guilty. He solemnly assured the Court that such was not the case. He then repeated what he had said before about his visit to the Secretary for Railways in the accused's interest and its result. The accused had positively assured him that no one else was concerned in the larceny. As a matter of fact, Simpson had instructed him (Mr. Levien) to plead guilty in the lower court, and ask for the operation of the provisions of the First Offenders Act in his behalf. Mr. Thom, Solicitor for Railways, was present at the time, and could bear out the truth of that statement.

Mr. Thom said that he could vouch for the truth of the whole of what Mr. Levien had said.

His Honor expressed gratification at the explanation thus made. It showed that the verdict was right, and he was particularly glad that he had dealt with the matter in the way that he had done.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Wednesday, February 23.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.—After Bankruptcy: Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation, Limited, and Companies Act, petition to wind up company; Federal Bank of Australia, Limited, and Companies Act, motion to enforce payment of call; Picturesque Atlas Publishing Company and Companies Act, motion to dissolve company; Davis v. Frost, part heard; Bruton v. Burcher, motion for decree; Stewart v. Mooney, referred to list at request of defendant; re estate of Mary M'Nally, deceased, and Trust Property Act and 26 Victoria, No. 12, petition for payment out. Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Emery v. Kelly, to pass accounts. At 3 p.m.: Strand v. Permanent Mutual Benefit Society, summons to review taxation. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 10 a.m.: Plomley v. Shepherd, to settle minutes of order. At 10.15 a.m.: Millington v. Butcher, to settle minutes of order. At 10.30 a.m.: Swift v. Hann, to tax costs.

Term List.—At 10 a.m., Equity appeal: Irving v. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited (part heard). At 11 a.m., special case: In re William Cooper (attorney and agent) and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 (part heard). Motions on notice: In re gent., one, &c., ex parte Maria Jane Hutchison, to set aside order; in re gentn., &c., ex parte Adam James Wilson, to hand over money. Motions, &c.: Ex parte Charles Campbell, mandamus; The Dubbo Refrigerating and Boiling Down Company, Limited, v. Rutherford, for review of taxation; ex parte Arthur C. Cooper, prohibition; ex parte Albert A. Mylecharane, mandamus; ex parte William Baker, prohibition; ex parte Hugh Patrick Willoughby, prohibition; ex parte Henry James Ackerman, prohibition.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—At 10 a.m.: Hearing of causes.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Currie, prohibition, for judgment; ex parte Currie (Quinn), for judgment; Bank of New Zealand v. Lloyd, to issue execution on memorial; ex parte Coker, habeas corpus; Kerle v. Parish, for particulars; Campbell v. Russell, to refer cause to arbitration; Johnston v. Russell and another, for leave to amend plea.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Colston v. Tulloch, 11; Parker v. Porter, 11.30; Macnamara v. Butcher, 12; a re gent., &c., 2.30. Before the Chief Clerk.—Wilson v. Banks, 10.30; Mitchell and others v. Andrews, 11; Kickham v. Evans, 11; Cox v. Cox, 2.30.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar.—At 11, to proceed on accounts: John E. Holdsworth, Michael Charters, Edward J. Pearson.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge.—At 10.30: Re application of Bank of N.S.W. to issue bankruptcy notice against a debtor, for judgment; in re Drew, application for directions from the Judge. Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m., certificate applications: Charles Octavius Lamb, Percy Bennett, Alexander Martin, Samuel Walter Farrell, Thomas Albert King, Alfred Charles Gill, Hannah Matilda Gray, Michael Henry. Motion under section 19 of 60 Vic., No. 29: James Jasper Crennan. Single meetings: George Thorpe, Edward Richard Earl, Owen Dempsey, Montague Cohen. Motion for committal for non-compliance with order: David Lowe M'Kenzie.

COURT OF REVIEW.—Wednesday, February 23.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray, in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.)

Appeals against Land Tax Assessment: P. A. Jennings, Cecilia M. M'Elhone, Maria Elizabeth Moesley, William Moesley, North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company, Limited, in liquidation, N. F. Giblin, public officer; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, Robert Hunt's estate; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of Jacob Isaacs; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of William Jones; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of James Sands; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of E. Lord and others; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of E. Lord; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of Stephen Long; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of Mrs. Macintosh; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of T. M'Master; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of J. C. Raphael; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of A. Rodgers; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of A. Rowan; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of T. Shanahan; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of M. F. Startin; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of M. M. Stephen; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of Enoch Taylor; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of E. Towns; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of Wallis; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of A. S. Webster; Permanent Trustee Company of N.S.W., Limited, A. P. Bedford, public officer, estate of G. J. Ward; Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, A. C. Mackenzie, public officer, estate of the late Thomas Ryan; William Petrie, Francis James Plomley, W. P. Plunkett, Matilda Plum, F. Antill Pockley, Michael Porter, Alexander Gerard Ralston, Richard Ray (executor of the estate of the late Hannah Cowell), Ellen Real, William Reece.

(Before the Registrar.)

Taxation of Costs.—London v. Oldham, 10.30 a.m.; Lee v. Schmidt, 10.35 a.m.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Wednesday.

Appeals.—Ernest Alexander Redwood, maintenance; John Cottie, assault; George Wallace, false pretences.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Wednesday.

Charles Arthur Hudson, Marion Child, Emily Martha Cook, and Arthur Barton Miles, manslaughter (part heard).

POLICE COURTS.

Supposed Stolen Umbrella.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. W. Johnson, S.M., sentenced Harry Lewis, 19, to 14 days' imprisonment for having in his possession an umbrella supposed to have been stolen.

Stolen Goods.—At the Water Police Court yesterday Mr. Addison, S.M., sentenced Margaret Hall to three months' imprisonment for receiving stolen goods; and Letitia and Louis Hall to 14 days' imprisonment for stealing the goods, which belonged to Mrs. Taylor, of Darlinghurst-road.

Dispute among Syrians.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Love, D.S.M., Mary Aboot and Joseph Maroom were charged with having assaulted Mary Aboot, sen., at Redfern, on February 15, instant. Mr. Robertson appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Crick to defend. The parties are Syrians. The defendants are brother and sister, and the complainant their cousin. The male defendant stated that the only part he took in the disturbance was to try and separate the women, who were fighting each other. The male defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £3, together with £2 2s professional costs, 10s 6d interpreter's fees, and 7s 6d costs of court, in default four months' imprisonment. The female defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £2, together with 10s 6d interpreter's fees, in default imprisonment for two months.

Malicious Damage to Property.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Love, D.S.M., Annie Miller, aged 42, pleaded guilty to having been drunk in New Canterbury-road, Marrickville, on Monday evening, for which she was fined 5s, in default imprisonment until the rising of the Court. The accused was further charged with having on the same occasion maliciously injured a plateglass window, valued at £2 10s, the property of William Barkley, at Marrickville. She pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay £2 10s, value of damage done, also a fine of 10s, in default imprisonment for two months.

THE COMING TEST MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As you and the vast cricketing public of the colonies are aware, the final test match between Stoddart's team and Australia is to begin here in Sydney next Friday. Some people are fondly deluding themselves into the belief that the match is as good as over—a victory for the colonies. Now, Sir, my object in writing is to exhort through your columns the authorities, and particularly the selectors, to stifle any such feeling if they, like the public, be troubled with it. You will doubtless remember that in 1886 and in 1888 England did not spare the Australians. Three times the pick of England thrashed the Australian Eleven of 1886, each defeat being worse than that which preceded it. The first time at Manchester England won by four wickets; the second time, at Lord's, England won by an innings and 106 runs; and the third time, at the Oval, the poor unfortunate kangaroo was fairly mauled to death by an innings and 217 runs.

In 1888 you will doubtless recollect that, owing to some extraordinary bowling by Turner and Ferris, Australia on a sticky wicket won the first of the three test matches at Lord's. But how did England avenge herself? At Manchester the Britishers won by an innings and 21, and at the Oval by an innings and 137 runs. The 1890 team played only two matches with England, and lost both.

Now, Sir, England never spared our men, for it has always been England's aim to maintain supremacy in the cricket world. It will ill become Australia to become generous just now. May I suggest, with a view to Australia being represented by what is absolutely the best eleven, that Mr. Iredale (who I understand is taking a rest just at present, owing to feeling stale) should stand out of the test match, and allow Mackenzie to take his place; also that in the event of Mr. Trott showing no form at Brisbane, he give way to Donnan or Worrall. There is no greater admirer of Iredale's graceful, skilful, and high-class cricket than I; yet, Sir, my admiration is not blind. He is wearied out of form. I feel sure just at present that his form is far inferior to that of Mackenzie, who has not only scored with great consistency in this and other seasons, but against the Englishmen he has achieved a success that compares with the truly wonderful efforts of Clem. Hill. Mr. Trott is no doubt a great captain, but after the late match we are justified in regarding Mr. S. E. Gregory as his equal in this respect.

You see, Sir, the prestige of Australian cricket rests in some degree upon this match. The Englishmen badly want to win it, for it will burnish up an otherwise dull record. They won the first match on our ground, to which they are admittedly very partial; and if they win this one it will be said, "Oh! there is not much between the teams. Australia won the rubber by only one match, and that one (the first at Melbourne) was not a fair test." English critics will at once argue and maintain that England's supremacy at cricket still exists. I admire the wonderful batting of Ranjitsinhji and Maclaren; but Australia also has some very fine players for us to admire. Our best eleven is better than England's best; but our men must all be in good form to win. The fact of Hayward making 63 and 64 not out, Wainwright 50 and 68, and Druce 109 and 10 in the late match against New South Wales is strong evidence that those Englishmen who were a bit out of form in the other test matches are coming on splendidly.

Mark how the Englishmen are preparing for the coming match. Wainwright is going away for a spell, owing to his having a cold. Richardson is being saved (he did not play against New South Wales), and Storer is once again practising sedulously, notwithstanding his badly-injured finger.

As Mackenzie is playing truly brilliant cricket—his two recent innings ranking amongst the greatest we have ever seen in Sydney, and scoring every innings (he has made 80, 59, 88, 50, 130, and 52).—I sincerely trust that Mr. Iredale will not permit his brother selectors to prevail upon him to play, and thereby keep an equally good player in better form out of it.

In conclusion, I would draw attention to the fact that in their first test match the Englishmen made 551 runs in their first innings. They are, judging by their play against New South Wales, now in better form, and with Richardson and Storer once more in the team will take a lot of beating.

I am, &c., 'TRALIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see a letter in your issue of to-day containing a suggestion that one of the days of the fifth test match should be proclaimed a holiday.

Mr. Reid, as head of the Government, can hardly refuse to grant such a request should it be made, seeing that on the occasion of important matches all the Government officials are permitted to have a half-holiday as an opportunity to witness the play, one batch going one day and another the next. I had occasion lately to have some work done by a Government official, and although the work was urgent to me he left it in the middle of the day to attend the match England v. New South Wales and completed the job next day.

There are thousands of people whose interest in cricket is just as intense as that of any Government official, but who have no opportunity to see an exciting game unless it be on Saturday afternoon.

I am, &c.,

February 16. GEORGE M'STARK.

It was the cookery of the Middle Ages that led to the discovery of America. The rage at that time for spices for flavouring purposes sent the Portuguese south to their discoveries in Africa and sent Columbus in quest of India.

DRY, THIN, and FALLING HAIR is due, in the majority of cases, to imperfect action of the sebaceous or oil glands. Deprived of its proper nourishment, the hair becomes harsh and brittle, the scalp dry and scaly, and the roots choked and lifeless in a hard, dry skin. The purest, sweetest, and most effective treatment is a warm shampoo with CUTICURA SOAP, followed by light dressings with CUTICURA, purest of emollient skin cures, which will produce a clean, wholesome scalp and luxuriant, lustrous hair, when every other known method fails.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 22.

Big Bonanza, barque, 1289 tons, Captain Bergmann, from Puget Sound January 1. Davies and Fehon, agents.

Asia, barque, 806 tons, Captain Greenwood, from Kaipara February 14. E. F. Broad, agent.

Kelloe, s., 801 tons (Circular Saw line), Captain M'Cooee, from South Sea Islands. Passengers—Mr. H. M'Kinnon, Mr. A. S. Bell, Mr. D. Flood. John Williams, agent.

Guthrie, s., 2378 tons (E. and A. line), Captain Hugh Craig, from Melbourne February 20. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Larnaca, s., 2287 tons, Captain C. J. Killey, from Adelaide. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Scottish Hero, s., 2202 tons, Captain Singer, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Lubra, s., 467 tons, Captain Stafford, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Mararoa, s., 2465 tons, Captain E. Phillips, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Bega, s., 567 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Clyde River. Passengers—Mesdames Robinson, Foreman, Edwards, Misses Horne, Shoobridge, Robinson, Foreman, Edwards, Foreman, Horne, Messrs. Kelly, Anderson, Buchan, Davis, and 1 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Peterborough, s., 139 tons, Captain J. Wilson, from South Coast. J. Aubin, agent.

Balmain, s., 640 tons, Captain T. Hunter, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

Coraki, s., 326 tons, Captain S. Boulden, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1254 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

DEPARTURES.—February 22.

Barrabool, s., for Rockhampton, via ports.
Cintra, s., for Melbourne.
Wodonga, s., for Cooktown, via ports.
Yamashiro Maru, s., for Melbourne.
Dovedale, s., for Fremantle, via Newcastle.
Scottish Hero, s., for Fremantle.
Glaucus, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Larnaca, s., for Adelaide, via Newcastle.
Ashley, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Kolya, s., for Fremantle, via Newcastle.
Titus, s., for Newcastle.
Anglian, s., for Newcastle.
Taieri, s., for Newcastle and Port Kembla.
Rakanoa, s., for Wellington, via Newcastle.
Nemesis, s., for Fremantle, via ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 23.

China, Royal Mail steamer, for London, via ports; Barbarossa, German Mail steamer, for Bremen, via ports; Mararoa, s., for Auckland and ports; Rockton, s., for Western Australia, via ports; Buninyong, s., for Western Australia, via ports; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers for Ulladulla, Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Tathra, and Pambula; Namoi, s., for Newcastle; Balmain, s., for Newcastle.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—February 22.

Resolute, s., Captain T. Train, for Woolgoolga; J. G. Kendie, ketch, Captain C. A. Roumlund, for Nambucca River; Alfred Fenning, ketch, Captain J. H. Ferguson, for Macleay River; Sea Flower, ketch, Captain D. Havel, for Camden Haven; Hally Bayley, schooner, Captain J. Billick, for Wollongong; Maggie Riley, ketch, Captain W. Riley, for Brisbane Water.

CLEARANCES.—February 22.

Wodonga, s., 2340 tons, Captain J. E. Meaburn, for Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. M'Laughlin, 3 children and nurse, Mrs. Brisbane, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deverill, Mrs. Alroe and child, Mrs. M. Lyons, Mrs. King, Mrs. Ponder and child, Mrs. J. Power, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. A. J. Phipps, Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Crick and child, Misses D. Brisbane, Miss Cannick, Miss B. M'Kenny, Miss Maybee Lawry, Miss Gillespie, Miss Billbrough, Misses M'Kinnon (2), Rev. G. S. Thorpe, Captain J. A. Mackay, Rev. Vincent Grogan, Hon. N. Fitzgerald, Dr. Martin, Messrs. A. J. Phipps, A. Armstrong, J. F. Larson, A. J. M. Terry, W. B. M'Donald, F. W. Fraser, Symonds, Gillespie, H. Beaumont, D. M'Laughlin, N. Hicks, Waters, H. Brice, Burgess, Walker, James Mote, R. P. Swincford, J. E. Butler, H. M. Edwards, W. H. Ballard, J. E. Davidson, G. E. Davidson, Charles Young, Whitehouse, Fowler, J. Ferguson, Messrs. Brisbane (4), and 40 in the steerage.

Cintra, s., 1979 tons, Captain J. E. Butcher, for Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. D. Lyons, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Gibson and child, Mrs. J. B. Weir, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. M'Whirter, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. W. F. Watson, Mrs. Lester, Miss E. Wilson, Miss Best, Miss Andrade, Misses Atherton (2), Miss Ryan, Miss Webb, Miss Power, Miss M'Mahon, Miss Finnigan, Messrs. Sutton, L. Clark, Williams, A. W. Nicholls, J. M'Whirter, W. H. Bucorde, Pratt, T. M'Donald, D. Aitken, T. J. Herbert, M. Donovan, A. E. Hough, W. G. Dauncey, J. C. Farrell, A. Carter, H. H. Brown, H. Moller, H. Lee, W. Cox, J. Barnett, R. S. Peterson, G. D. Lawrence, D. Lyons, F. Watts, M. Ryan, N. Cooke, Ramsey, F. Harrington, C. Liddiard, Gibson, W. J. M'Kee, H. Lester, and 25 in the steerage.

Barrabool, s., 982 tons, W. Hammer, for Brisbane and ports. Passengers—Messrs. D. Little, W. Galliway, Stewart, J. Moore, Master John Moore, Master George Moore, Captain Bury, Mr. Tenant, Mr. T. Gair, Mesdames Moore and infant, Dreyer, Gould and infant, Misses E. M. Moore, Anderson, Melton, Knowles, A. Little, C. Little, O. Little, N. Little, and 25 in the second cabin.

Woolloomooloo, s., 3921 tons, Captain Pentin, for Capetown and London, via ports. Passengers—For London: Miss Barker. For Capetown: Mrs. Bosanquet. For Adelaide: Mr. Francis. For Melbourne: Misses Francis; and 12 in the steerage for all ports.

Fifeshire, s., 3720 tons, Captain G. Ross, for London, via Queensland ports, in ballast.

Kolya, s., 1831 tons, Captain W. Inglis, for Fremantle, via Port Kembla and Newcastle, in ballast.

Dovedale, s., 2821 tons, Captain T. Darley, for Fremantle, via Newcastle, in ballast. Passengers—Mrs. Darley, Misses Darley (2).

Glaucus, s., 1383 tons, Captain R. Prideaux, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, in ballast. Passengers—Mr. Thompson, Miss Thompson.

Larnaca, s., 2287 tons, Captain C. J. Killey, for Adelaide, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Ashley, s., 2295 tons, Captain J. W. Webber, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Titus, s., 760 tons, Captain J. Williams, for Newcastle.

Anglian, s., 2159 tons, Captain W. Waller, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Taieri, s., 1668 tons, Captain J. Shephard, for Newcastle and Port Kembla, with part original cargo.

Rakanoa, s., 2246 tons, Captain Courbarron, for Wellington, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Nemesis, s., Captain L. Thompson, for Fremantle, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Pinnock, Messrs. G. Day, J. Parr.

Scottish Hero, s., 2202 tons, Captain W. Singer, for Fremantle.

IMPORTS.—February 22.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Kelloe, s., from South Sea Islands: 215 tons copra, 27 tons shell, 3 tons fungus, ¼ ton shark fins, and sundries.

Glaucus, s., from Devonport: 7204 bags potatoes, 618 bags oats, 112 bags turnips, 50 bags peas, 80 bags chaff, 5 bags wool, 1 bundle skins.

Taieri, s., from Devonport: 3034 sacks potatoes, 1609 sacks oats, 50 sacks peas, 31 sacks turnips, 303 bales straw, 8478 staves, 6 blackwood logs, and sundries.

Big Bonanza, barque, from Puget Sound: 976,050ft. Oregon pine, 830,280 bundles laths.

Asia, barque, from Kaipara: 11,080 pieces timber.

Sarah and Mary, schooner, from Hokianga: 69,089ft. timber. For Newcastle: 56,184ft. timber.

Bega, s., from Clyde River and south ports: 39 cans cream, 115 boxes butter, 30 bags oysters, 48 bags bark, 137 pieces timber, 10 cases eggs, 829 cheese, 8 calves, 49 pigs, 13 coops poultry, 86 sides bacon, 9 boxes fish, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—February 22.

Woolloomooloo, s., for Capetown and London: 468 bales wool, 35 bales sheepskins, 11 bales splits, 5819 hides, 1590 boxes butter, 100 crates poultry, 249 cases meats, 6 tierces mutton, 6 packages tongues, 50 barrels beef, 299 casks tallow, 350 pairs horns, 264 bags ore, and sundries. From Newcastle: 343 bales wool, 10,000 carcasses mutton, 100 pieces beef.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: February 22, Leura, s., from Melbourne. Departures: February 22, Eurimbla, s., for Sydney; Elamang, s., Julia Percy, s., for Rockhampton.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arrivals: February 21, Lady Norman, s., from Brisbane. February 22, Taralla, s., from Brisbane. Departure: February 22, Burwah, s., for Brisbane.

FLATTOP ISLAND.—Arrival: February 22, Aramac, s., from Cooktown.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: February 22, Arawatta, s., from Brisbane and ports. Departures: February 22, Tyrian, s., for Brisbane; Australian, s., for Sydney.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: February 22, Maranoa, s., from Gulf ports.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 22, Excelsior, ketch, from Lake Macquarie; Buninyong, s., Norkowna, s., from Melbourne; Namoi, s., Oakland, s., Tamar, s., Western, s., Augusta, s., Rakanoa, s., Wollumbin, s., Balmain, s., from Sydney. Departures: February 22, Scottish Hero, s., for Fremantle, via Sydney, with 3600 tons coal; Hawkes Bay, s., for Auckland, with 1650 tons coal; Mararoa, s., for Auckland, via Sydney, with 850 tons coal; Augusta, s., for Byron Bay; Indianapolis, s., for Melbourne, with 3025 tons coal; Auckland, s., for the Richmond; Balmain, s., Western, s., Tamar, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney; Wollumbin, s., for the Tweed River.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 22, Nimrod, s., at 4.50 p.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: February 22, Lady Brassey, ketch, from Tasmania; Taghaferro, s., from Newcastle; Gulf of Venice, s., from Sydney; Coogee, s., from Launceston; C. J. S., barque, from Mauritius; Victoria, R.M.S., from London; Mecinderry, s., from Strahan. Departures: February 22, Cuzco, R.M.S., for London; Waroonga, s., and Kalgoorlie, s., for Western Australia; Glenelg, s., for Strahan.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 22, Cape Otway, s., and Marloo, s., from Fremantle.

(From the Board at the Telegraph Office.)

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrivals: February 22, Eliza Allen, schooner, at 10 a.m.; Lady Franklin, schooner, off bar. Passed: February 22, Changsha, s., at 6 a.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—February 22, Devonport, ready for sea.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Departure: February 22, Rosedale, s., at 10.10 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: February 22, Changsha at 5.30 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: February 22, Rosedale at 7 p.m., from Bellinger.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: February 22, Euroka, s., at 2 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departures: February 22, Defender, ketch, at 9.15 a.m., for Sydney; Jane Morehead at 10 a.m.

MANNING HEADS.—Departure: February 22, Coraki, s., at 9.50 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departures: February 22, Aleda, schooner, at 7.45 a.m., S. A. Hayward, ketch, at 9 a.m., Forest Queen, ketch, at 9.45 a.m., Coral, ketch, at 10.15 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: February 22, Express, s., at 7.30 a.m., and Macleay, s., at 12.30 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: February 22, Augusta, s., at 2.35 p.m., north; Trilby, s., at 2.25 p.m., south; Coraki at 4.40 p.m., south; Oakland at 5.10 p.m., north; Wollumbin at 6 p.m., north.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Departure: February 22, Excelsior, ketch, at 7.30 a.m., for Newcastle.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arrival: February 22, Illaroo, s., at 7 p.m., from Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: February 22, Arab, ketch, at 10.14 a.m., Alabama, s., at 10.14 a.m., Wyong, s., at 11 a.m. Departures: February 22, Wyong, s., at 3.35 p.m., Kingsley at 6.30 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLAMBI.—Arrivals: February 22, Currajong, s., at 6 a.m., and Captain Cook, s., at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Departure: February 22, Countess of Errol, schooner, at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Departure: February 22, Civility, s., at 11.50 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Arrival: February 21, Wallaroo, H.M.S., at 9 p.m. Passed: February 22, Murray, s., at 6 p.m., north.

MORUYA.—Departure: February 22, Murray, s., at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Departure: February 22, Allowrie, s., at 9.50 a.m., for Tathra.

EDEN.—Departure: February 22, Nimrod, launch, at 10.30 a.m., bound south.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 22, Tambo, s., at 2.45 p.m., south.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed outwards: February 22, Age, s., at 6.25 a.m., Despatch, s., at 7.20 a.m.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrivals: February 22, Tekapo, s., at 1 a.m., from Sydney; Pateena, s., at 9 a.m., from Melbourne.

HOBART.—Departure: February 22, Oonah at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrival: February 22, Bucephalus, s., at 11 a.m., from Java. Departure: February 22, Bothwell Castle, s., for Adelaide.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Arrivals: Myrtle Holme, barque, from Adelaide, sailed October 24; Gulf Stream, barque, from Brisbane, sailed November 2; Strathavon, s., from London, sailed December 3, via Melbourne, December 17, Kingston December 21. Departures: County of Cardigan, ship, from Liverpool, for Melbourne; Henny, barque, from Liverpool for Fremantle; Rangatira, s., for Lyttelton, via ports; Star of England, ship, for Napier, via ports.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average annual rainfall for 39 years, 49·664.
Average for 40 years from January 1 to January 31, 3·694.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1898, to February 22, 10·204.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·246.
Temperature—Maximum, 79·1; minimum, 68·5.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 57·0; 3 p.m., 59·0.

State of Barometers at 9 a.m.

Gascoyne, 29·80; Perth, 29·82; Streaky Bay, 29·91; Adelaide, 30·00; Robe, 30·03; Portland, 30·06; Melbourne, 30·12; Wilson's Promontory, 30·20; Gabo Island, 30·13; Cape St. George, 30·24; Sydney, 30·25; Newcastle, 30·25; Port Macquarie, 30·20; Clarence Heads, 30·09; Brisbane, 30·00; Rockhampton, 29·86; Mackay, 29·76; Cooktown, 29·78.

Temperatures in the Country.

Broken Hill, 103·5; Deniliquin, 106; Forbes, 100; Hay, 101; Wagga, 104; Wentworth, 106·5; Wilcannia, 103.

Synopsis at 9 a.m.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to showery on the northern coast and highlands; fine elsewhere.
Western Australia.—Overcast to gloomy throughout.
South Australia.—Cloudy on the coast; fine inland; hot throughout.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine but cloudy on the coast; fine and clear inland.
Tasmania.—Fine generally.
Queensland.—Cloudy generally; showery on parts of the coast.
Central and Northern Australia.—Fine generally.
New Zealand.—Fine generally.
New Caledonia.—Raining throughout.

Rain Has Fallen in the Previous 24 Hours.

New South Wales.—Heavy on the northern coast and highlands.
Queensland.—Light to heavy along Pacific slope, especially south-east and at few places in interior, with thunderstorm.
Western Australia.—Light to showery generally.

6 p.m. Rainfall.

Tabulam, 1·60; Tenterfield, 0·35; Moree, 0·18; Clarence, 0·08; Port Macquarie, 0·05; Walgett, 0·04.
Queensland.—Brisbane, 1·87; Cape Moreton, 0·26; Gayndah, 0·14; Gladstone, 0·52; Mackay, 1·31; Maryborough, 0·79; Nebo, 0·12; Rockhampton, 0·05; Springsure, 0·15; Stanthorpe, 0·14; St. George, 0·12; Taroom, 0·04; Toowoomba, 0·75.

River Reports at 9 a.m.

Albury, 1ft. 6in.; Balranald, below summer level; Bungera, 2ft. 8in.; Booligal, 6in.; Bourke, 27ft. 10in.; Brewarrina, 20ft. 7in., falling; Deniliquin, below summer level; Euabalong, 1ft. 9in.; Euston, 4ft. 3in.; Goodooga, 2ft. 6in., falling; Gundagai, 4ft.; Hay, 1ft. 4in. below summer level; Hillston, summer level; Louth, 24ft., rising; Menilla, low; Menindie, 17ft. 1½in.; Mogil Mogil, 4ft. 6in., falling; Mungundi, 11ft. 6in., rising; Pooncarie, 14ft. 10in.; Tilpa, 23ft., rising; Tocumwall, 5ft. 1in.; Wagga Wagga, 5ft. 3in.; Wentworth, 4ft. 5in.; Wilcannia, 21ft. 9in., rising; Yetman, 4ft., falling; Barwon River at Walgett, 23ft. 3in., rising; Namoi River at Walgett, 16ft. 6in., rising.

Coastal Reports at 8 p.m.

Tweed Heads, line interrupted; Byron Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, E.S.E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S.E., light, showery, sea rough; Macleay Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Manning Heads, E., cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Port Stephens, E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, E., fresh, dull, sea smooth; South Head, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Eden, N.E., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., light, cloudy, sea slight.

Forecasts at 9 p.m.

New South Wales.—Easterly winds generally, fresh on northern coast from N.E. to S.E., weather unsettled in N.E., with more coastal rains, which will extend over the northern highlands, a monsoonal rain storm now covers Western Australia from north to south, and will reach the western districts on Friday late or on Saturday; heavy rains must be expected.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Unsettled, thundery weather and rain is approaching from the west, and will probably reach here on Thursday; for the present weather N.E. and N. winds may be expected, with cloudy sultry conditions coming in from west later.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine but warm to hot, with light N.E. to northerly winds, slight sea.—P. Baracchi.

Special Forecasts by Mr. Clement L. Wragge.

New South Wales.—Further considerable rain north from Seal Rocks, with strong easterly winds and rising seas, especially with a decrease of latitude towards Point Danger; fine inland; further great heat shortly in the north-west and west, cloudy south from Sydney.

Victoria, also Tasmania.—Generally the same as the southern districts of South Australia, followed within five days by another cool change. "Zaman" will affect these colonies, bringing rain within a week.

New Zealand.—Fine, but southerly squalls.

New Caledonia.—Heavy squalls and rain under the influence of "Sana."

Western Australia.—Monsoonal rains and thunderstorms in the tropics; squalls from between N.W. and S.W., with rain, and some thunder in all the southern districts, including the goldfields, under the disturbance "Zaman."

Northern Territory.—Moderately fine, and finer still in the far interior, but monsoonal disturbances near Western Australia.

South Australia.—Hot in the far north, comparatively cool and pleasant in the south, quickly followed by a passing spell of hot winds; sea rising west from Cape Borda.

Queensland.—Heavy showers or more pronounced rain along the entire Pacific Slope, especially south from Mackay; generally fine in all the inland districts, capricious showers excepted; the tropical disturbance named "Sana" will cause strong winds between south-east and east off the coast, especially between the Tweed and Cape Palmerston, with rising seas. Shipping Note.—Our south-east warning signals remain hoisted.

Astronomical Memoranda for February 23.

Sun rises at 5.38, sets at 6.40; Moon, 8.3 a.m., 7.30 p.m.; Mercury, 4.16 a.m., 5.58 p.m.; Venus, 5.46 a.m., 6.49 p.m.; Mars, 3.37 a.m., 5.28 p.m.; Jupiter, 8.7 p.m., 8.23 a.m.; Saturn, 11.21 p.m., 1.26 p.m.
New Moon, 21st; Full Moon, 7th.
High water at Fort Denison, 9.49 a.m., 10.8 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z., via Newcastle.—Rakanoa, 8 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—China, 10 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Singapore.—Stassfurt, 1 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 3 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Waroonga, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 10 a.m.
Manning River.—Coraki, 1 p.m.
Batavia and Singapore, via Brisbane.—Duke of Argyll, 4.45 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Australia, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Macleay and Nambucca Rivers.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.
Clyde River.—Bega, 9 a.m.
British New Guinea, New Britain, and Solomon Islands.—Titus, 9 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Caledonien, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Marloo, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, 6 p.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro.—via Wellington.—Aotea, 6 p.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Honolulu, Canada, United States of America, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—C.-A. s.s. Miowera, 2 p.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z.—C.-A. s.s. Miowera, 3 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 9.30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1898.

Yesterday the Federal Convention, continuing its sittings in Melbourne, discussed the 95th clause of the Commonwealth Constitution Draft Bill dealing with equality of trade.

The question of the control of the railways was also discussed at considerable length.

It is said by the "Volksstem," the leading Dutch paper in the Transvaal, that it is expected the Volksraad will reaffirm the opinion of President Kruger with regard to British suzerainty over the Transvaal, and will communicate its decision to the foreign Powers.

The publication of the article in the "Volksstem" caused a heavy fall in South African shares.

Russian newspapers warn Europe that the candidature of Prince George of Greece, the nominee of Russia, for the Governorship of Crete, has not been abandoned.

Merchants of Berlin have petitioned Prince Hohenlohe to take steps to regulate the commercial relations between Germany and Great Britain and the British colonies. Otherwise, they say, trade will be seriously hampered.

The British force in the Lagos and Gold Coast hinterland now numbers 6000 men.

News from West Africa has depressed the provincial Exchanges.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Chamberlain stated that Colonel Pilcher, commanding the Haussa forces at Lokoja, had confirmed the reported arrival of French troops at Argungu, in the empire of Sokoto.

In view of the negotiations which were proceeding, however, the Government was unable to believe that the invasion of the territory was authorised, since France had recognised the British rights to Sokoto.

It is semi-officially denied in Paris that the French forces are at present in Sokoto.

The "Debats" says that Sokoto indisputably belongs to Britain.

In Paris the Bourse is steady, but British Consols have suffered a further fall of ¼.

Tumultuous scenes took place in court on Monday in Paris during the trial of M. Zola.

The Judge refused to allow counsel for the accused (M. Zola) to cross-examine the military witnesses.

M. Zola, in addressing the jury, said that the Government was perfectly aware of the innocence of Captain Dreyfus, and accused it of directing the verdict of the jury.

Frequent violent contests occurred between the Judge, M. Zola, and the barristers engaged in the case, the spectators alternately hissing and cheering.

M. Zola made an eloquent appeal in his defence, and declared that he had sacrificed his liberty to save the imperilled honour of the nation.

The Japanese Budget shows a deficit of about £3,400,000.

Within the past seven months the trade of Canada has increased by about £6,000,000.

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Gerald Balfour introduced the Irish Local Government Bill.

The measure entrusts the administration of local government to county councils, urban and rural district councils, and boards of guardians, the members of which are to be elected on the Parliamentary franchise.

The financial provisions of the bill are of an intricate character.

Occupiers are to be made liable for the county cess, and also for the poor rates. Provision is made for an annual Imperial grant of £730,000.

Mr. John Morley, Mr. John Dillon, Mr. T. Healy, Mr. J. Redmond, and the Irish Unionist members cordially welcomed the measure. Mr. Michael Davitt opposed it.

The bill was read the first time. The second reading will be taken a fortnight hence.

H.M.S. Victorious, which recently went ashore at Port Said, has proceeded on her voyage to China.

The Czarina of Russia is suffering from an attack of measles.

On Monday night a terrible accident occurred at Brewongle. As two sisters named Robertson were driving home from Bathurst the horse bolted at a furious pace down hill, and in the pitch darkness ran the vehicle against the end of a stone house.

The ladies were thrown out, and when picked up were found to be dreadfully injured. The skull of the elder one was badly fractured. The recovery of the elder is very doubtful, but her sister may pull through.

Yesterday his Excellency the Governor presided at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Carrington Centennial Hospital.

The annual meeting in connection with the Sydney Hospital was held yesterday, his Excellency the Governor presiding.

Yesterday the intercolonial cricket match, South Australia v. New South Wales, was concluded on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The South Australians' second innings was completed for 442 runs.

In their second innings the local men only compiled 126 runs, leaving the visitors victorious by 295 runs.

Meteorological work has been resumed at the Mount Kosciusko Observatory.

The rain that fell throughout Monday night and yesterday morning caused the Brisbane cricket Ground to be unfit for play, and consequently the match between the English Eleven and the combined Queensland and Victorian team had to be abandoned.

In the Stock and Share market yesterday investments continued to show a lack of animation. Prices, nevertheless, maintained the buoyancy noticed for so long past. Government stocks and debentures were unaltered.

In the Import market yesterday wheat remained rather quiet, though no material decline in prices can be reported. Sugar was firm on the basis of the company's rates. Some fair parcels of tea changed hands, all descriptions meeting with a steady inquiry.

The Mining market yesterday was again very quiet, without any changes of note.

Yesterday's Customs revenue amounted to £3946.

The R.M.S. India left Colombo outwards on the 19th instant.

On the 21st instant the R.M.S. Rome arrived at Plymouth.

The R.M.S. Orizaba's mails, dated Sydney January 17, arrived in London on the 19th instant.

KOLA-NUT COFFEE OR COCOA. Griffiths Bros., opp. Town Hall, Sydney.—Advt.

If the import and export returns of the trade of New South Wales in 1897 which we printed yesterday supplied evidence of the adverse effects wrought by the unfavourable season, they also showed how largely the rich natural resources of the colony enabled it to overcome these conditions. The total of the imports was about a million and a quarter in excess of the year before. The exports were also larger, but of course suffered considerably as a result of the effect of the drought on the wool clip, and also in so cruelly diminishing the live stock of the colony. The most interesting column of the table perhaps is that giving the exports of domestic produce or manufactures, the total of which amounted to £16,910,073, as against £16,742,691 in the previous year. When we consider that owing to the prolonged dry weather the shrinkage of our sheep has been all the time going on, and that our wool returns have suffered in consequence, it is satisfactory to see that in the third year of the long drought we were still able to gather and send away a larger total of our own produce and manufacture than the year before. It is interesting also to note the destination of our exported produce. Little significance attaches to the six millions worth sent to other colonies, as a large part of this is merely in transit for purposes of shipment. The six millions and a half sent to the United Kingdom again ought to be supplemented by a large portion of that consigned to other colonies, which of course ultimately finds its destination in the English market. But outside the United Kingdom and the colonies of Australasia only £332,391 worth of our products are forwarded to other British possessions. On the other hand, foreign countries take nearly four millions worth, and send us imports to the amount of nearly three and three-quarter millions in exchange. This shows the great importance of the foreign trade of New South Wales, and also how little we could afford to sacrifice it to the demands of a theory. Taking a few of the more considerable of our customers, France takes goods of our product or manufacture to the amount of £1,253,051, the United States £961,185, Germany £740,590, and Belgium £560,598.

If we are forced to recognise that the enterprise and industry of the colony have had a difficult and not wholly successful task in making head against the adverse conditions of a succession of bad seasons, we are enabled to see matters in a more favourable light when a wider and more general view is taken of the position. At the beginning of the current decade our returns were somewhat inflated from the operation of two causes. One was the expenditure of borrowed money, and the other was the higher rate of prices which prevailed. But if we go back to the beginning of the former ten years' period, although prices were then much higher than now, the comparison so far as this colony is concerned is by no means unsatisfactory. The soundness of the position of this colony commercially and industrially is the more prominently illustrated when we take account of all the colonies of the group as we do in the following table, which gives the values of the products exported from the different colonies in the years 1881 and 1896, the figures for 1897 not being yet all obtainable :—

—	1881.	1896.
New South Wales	£10,784,327	£16,742,691
Victoria	12,480,567	11,654,924
Queensland	3,478,376	8,924,186
South Australia	3,755,791	3,416,140
Western Australia	498,034	1,603,748
Tasmania	1,548,116	1,473,429
New Zealand	5,762,250	9,177,336
Total	£38,308,051	£52,392,354

In spite of the shrinkage in prices, New South Wales has added largely to its total product—more largely, taking merely the gross amount, than any other colony of the group. Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania are sufficiently unfortunate not to export as much in value now as they did 15 years ago. On the other hand Queensland, New Zealand, and Western Australia show very large growth in their exports, those of the latter colony being of course still more marked during the course of 1897. If we take the figures showing the rate of export per head of the population the result is equally advantageous to this colony. Our amount per head, £13, is only exceeded by Queensland and Western Australia. Victoria, on the other hand, is smaller than any other colony save Tasmania. The most gratifying part of the subject is the knowledge that in the rapid extension of our wheat culture and of our output of butter we are preparing the conditions of a great enlargement of exports in the near future. And while these are satisfactory results as they appear in the abstract form of figures in statistical tables, it is well to be able to reflect that they are brought about by utilising the rich resources wherewith we are endowed by Nature and by the pursuit of healthy and invigorating occupations well fitted to rear a manly and energetic race. Even were it possible to bring out similar statistical results by means of legislation directed to force people into factories and into industries far less healthy in their nature, the difference between the ways in which the two sets of results were attained would be one of great moment to everyone susceptible to the demands of humanity.

The destruction of an American warship with the loss of many lives has given occasion to an amount of comment which seems strangely incongruous with the fact that vessels of this kind are constructed as engines of destruction, while it is the business of the men who man them to take risks as part of the duties of their vocation. There is the difference, certainly, that these risks are incidental to war, while the Maine tragedy took place during a time of peace. Yet it will doubtless be found by some that the attention and sympathy attracted by this disaster constitute another sign of the weakening fibre of the age, of its growing sensibility to pain and danger of any description, and of the general softening of the public spirit. A recent writer has been prophesying doleful things of humanity as a whole and of the British race in particular because, as he finds, the advances of civilisation are making men and women more sensitive to pain of all kinds than they were in the past. He sets up a lament over the semi-barbaric spirit of our forefathers of not so many generations ago—Covenanters, buccaneers, politicians, sailors, pitmen, he says, who burned and marooned and beheaded and shot and fought cocks until they were quite ready to bear the like sufferings when their time came. We know the type of man who writes about these things in this tone. The literary tradition of the thing is traceable to Kingsley, who wrote like a viking or a buccaneer, indeed, but who was personally a sentimental type of individual. The candid confidences of biography have taught us to understand that a man may write like a Berserk about the north-east wind and yet shiver like an aspen in the most commonplace kind of house-draught. The easy-chair adventurer reminds one of the *mot* about the wisdom of one of our British Judges, inasmuch as the hardiest freebooter of them all was never such a monster of hardihood as this class of fiction-monger so heroically describes.

The writer we have referred to is satisfied that the growth of what he calls the new humanitarianism is the prelude to the extinction of the British type. It is throttling patriotism and common sense and virility of individual character, he says, and its success means the destruction of all manlier ideals of character than its own. That is to say, following his own examples, we are to take the humaner spirit of the age as we find it in the humanised penal laws and discipline, in the larger sympathy with human suffering, in the common pity for the maimed and afflicted, and in the application of modern scientific discoveries for painless amputation and the minimising of avoidable pain in general, as an indubitable sign of effeminacy and a growing disinclination on the part of the public and the individual to hold their own if any risk is involved in making any such pretension. "We have let brutality die out too much," he says, and by way of deduction he arrives at the rather disquieting conclusion that we would go to almost any humiliation to avoid a great war. This reads something like an invidious comment on recent events in connection with the British share in the Concert of Europe and the affronts we are supposed to have swallowed in the Far East, and perhaps if the argument were followed to its farthest extremes and in the most elaborate detail we should discover no better illustration of the futility of the whole contention than this. Nothing is easier, just as nothing is cheaper, than to find instances of the greater humanitarianism of the present day as contrasted with those that have gone before. This is only to say in other words that civilisation is advancing, and civilisation as such would be of little use if it did not assist the human race to live more happily and to carry it always further from the palæolithic age, when the most incisive argument was that which might be pointed with a stone axe, and the only reason available to inquirer or disputant was a blow. Violence of this kind goes hand in hand with treachery, and if civilisation has any meaning at all it means, as the poet has told us, the effort of humanity to eliminate the instincts of the brute.

It seems idle to talk of the progress we have made, and to build up theories of decay on its evidences, so long as we have the state of the civilised world at the present time to confute the very premisses of the argument. Europe is to-day an armed camp. The resources of civilisation itself and of the highest cultivated talent of humankind have been taxed to provide means of wholesale slaughter. A modern warship is a monument of human skill devoted to this same end. Where military commanders formerly moved thousands of men to battle they now manœuvre millions, and the effectiveness of the means of destruction has been so perfected that hundreds of men may be mowed down by machinery and the agency of smokeless powder, compared with which the Napoleonic artillery at the beginning of the century was as ineffective as the old-fashioned crossbow or harquebuss. If we are expected to infer from the advances of British civilisation that the race has become too soft or too humanitarian to use these instruments we have only to look to the instances provided in our "little wars" abroad to set the supposition aside. The rising in Matabeleland was summarily, and, as some critics said, brutally, put down by means of Maxim guns, against which the hordes of naked savages were as powerless as so many children. The engagements on the Indian frontier have shown that the painted soldier of to-day may be the hero of to-morrow. During the Indian Mutiny forty years ago the Englishman in India showed himself as unrelenting and merciless when he blew the mutineers from his guns as any buccaneer who ever made his victims walk the plank. In the Crimea it was said that the loungers of the London clubs rode on the Russian guns with an indifference to their hurricane of iron that did not belie the traditions of the Service to which they belonged. It is not to be doubted that a similar occasion would call forth similar readiness to-day, and there is certainly no evidence to prove that the soldiers of any nation in the field are so enfeebled by civilisation as to shrink from using the weapons which civilisation has put into their hands. All experience goes to show that the most effective leaders of men were not necessarily the most ferocious, but those who used the most effective means to their hand without hesitation and laid them aside when their work was done. It has always to be remembered that even war is but a means to the same end which makes civilisation itself an aid towards the greater happiness of the race. In this sense it is reasonable to expect that the nation that has most to fight for will acquit itself in the time of test with the greatest credit.

The Melbourne critics of the action of Mr. Reid in sending the message of condolence to President M'Kinley direct, instead of through the hands of the Governor and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, are surely troubling themselves about a needless punctilio. As we understand the facts, the action taken by Mr. Reid was at the request of the Premiers assembled in Melbourne, who wished to send a message of sympathy and condolence in their own names and those of the colonies. The impulse was a proper and a kindly one; it was done in a simple and natural way, and the message was received by President M'Kinley as conveying the "touching condolences of the Australian Premiers." In this there was nothing but what was satisfactory. Now let us try to work out the way in which the official people think that the thing should have been done so as to meet all the proprieties. In the first place, it is not apparent how Mr. Reid, as Premier of New South Wales, could have prevailed on the Governor of Victoria to transmit his message. It would probably have had to be forwarded to Sydney for despatch at the hands of the Governor of this colony. Then it is not quite clear what the Governor of New South Wales could have to do, within the limits of the Constitution, with a message expressing the views of Premiers of other colonies. If these difficulties were surmounted the cable would be sent to the Colonial Office, and there after due consideration by the Secretary of State would probably be passed over to the Foreign Office, since the Secretary of State for the Colonies has no more official right to communicate directly with the President of the United States than has the Premier of New South Wales. At the Foreign Office in due time—that is to say perhaps when the Niger, Nile, and China and Cretan difficulties are disposed of—the cablegram would be sent covered by a message of instructions to the British Minister at Washington. The obvious danger of this highly official course is that by the time the cable reached the President the loss of the Maine would have become ancient history. As it was the message was sent, and three days later the answer was received. There are cases, no doubt, which would have necessitated the slow circumlocutory method—if, for example, the message had conveyed the substance of a formal resolution of Parliament. All that it conveyed was an expression of sentiment from Mr. Reid and the other Premiers, and this surely did not require the tardy procedure compulsory in the official channels.

Our quarantine system has been denounced as ineffective for the purpose it is intended to achieve, and the public has already sufficient ground of complaint on that score. But it affects the system of the Australian colonies as a whole, and in particular that part of it which allows passengers from infected vessels to be scattered broadcast through the colonies for lack of adequate inspection at the earlier ports of call, while those who remain are subjected to a term of quarantine at Sydney which is as rigorous as it is, in the circumstances, invidious. But we now get a complaint of another character. Captain Dennis, of the Victorian pilot service, who came on with the Caledonien, and was detained in quarantine here with the rest of those on board, has been making a statement in Melbourne to the effect that the treatment at the station is defective, particularly in the matter of food supplies. The precise details of his complaint will no doubt form the subject of inquiry by the quarantine or health officials; but in the meantime it is decidedly to be deprecated that grounds for any complaint of the kind should have been afforded. It is unfortunate that while we are engaged in protesting against certain features of the quarantine system as it is administered at other ports persons who are detained here should have cause to protest against the administration at our own station. We quarantine passengers and pilots without their consent, and in the interests of the public safety. So far, of course, the action of the health authorities and of the Government needs no defence. The safeguarding of the public health is a matter of consideration, irrespective of the personal convenience of those concerned. But we have no right to add unnecessarily to the inconvenience of those concerned, and to supply them with questionable and insufficient food is something quite beyond the bounds of what can be considered either excusable or allowable. Now that complaint has been made, however, no time should be lost in taking steps for the prevention of this kind of thing in future.

The Sydney Mail.—The great storm and wrecks of last week have been the events of greatest interest during the past fortnight, and they consequently bulk largely in the illustrations in this week's "Sydney Mail." There is a spirited picture of the scene at the wreck of the Amy, drawn on the spot next day by a "Mail" artist from accounts given by eye witnesses. There is the wreck of the Marion Fenwick, and the wreck of the Bellambi pier. The thrilling story of the foundering of the Atacama, and the escape of one boat's crew, are illustrated by portraits of survivors as they landed, including the intrepid boatswain Figueroa, to whose bravery the safety of his comrades was due. As the name of Madame Albani is on everyone's lips, the portrait given of her is appropriate. It is a reproduction of a faithful and artistic portrait by Miss Alice Hughes, the famous London photographer of women and children, which Madame Albani herself highly values. Other portraits depict Mr. William Kelso, the late Mr. Whitton, Mr. S. R. Crockett (whose new story, "The Red Axe," is now running through the "Mail"), and Mr. J. Tebbutt, the well-known astronomer, of Windsor. Mr. Tebbutt's observatory is also pictured. There are various pictures of prize stock and handy appliances, and a page of humorous sketches depicting a holiday in the Blue Mountains.

The Federal Convention.—At Melbourne yesterday a long and exhaustive debate took place in the Federal Convention upon the railway question. Clause 95 provides that there shall be no derogation from freetrade by the various States. Mr. Higgins proposed an amendment which raised the general question of the management of the railways, and urged the appointment of an inter-State commission. Mr. Reid contended that there must either be a complete federation of the railways or else that the sole management must be left to the States. Several members spoke in favour of the entire federalisation of the railways. Mr. Higgins's amendment was negatived by 24 votes to 18. Mr. Barton then proposed a modification of the clause, providing that the Commonwealth should not give preference by any law to one State over another State. This was debated during the whole of the evening sitting. Some amendments were negatived, and ultimately the debate was adjourned to the following day.

Meeting of Parliament.—At the meeting of the Executive Council yesterday, a proclamation was approved further proroguing Parliament till March 18. Nothing is said about the "despatch of business," so that there will be another prorogation, and, as the Easter holidays are in the beginning of April, it does not seem likely that Parliament would meet for about a week in March and then adjourn over Easter. It seems probable, therefore, that Parliament will not be convened till after the holidays. The earliest day on which this could be done would be Tuesday, April 12.

Damage by the Floods.—The Minister for Works, Mr. J. H. Young, says the reports received by his department lead him to believe that the losses and damage caused to roads and bridges by the recent heavy rains will amount to from £12,000 to £15,000. A telegram received by the Minister yesterday reported more rain at Lismore, and a flood, the river having risen 22ft. 6in. It was still rising, with every appearance of a high flood. The report from the roads officer at Bega says great damage has been done to the roads generally in that locality, and especially to the approaches to the bridges and culverts. The floods were the highest since any of the existing bridges had been erected. Two single-span bridges had been completely washed away. These were both old structures, which would soon have required renewal. All bridges built during the last few years have stood remarkably well. Two new bridges will be necessary, and also additional spans for two others, the total cost being set down at £1200. Other heavy repairs will cost about £2400, making the total £3600 to put everything in order. This does not include minor repairs on many roads. Communication has now been temporarily restored on all principal roads. The local officer at Moss Vale reports that the traffic on the Barrengarry Mountain has been restored, and he expects to have all other roads opened through in a few days, but it will take some little time to remove obstructions to the full width of the roads, and to completely repair damage. The cost of repairs is not yet known in this district. From Tilba Tilba the local officer reports that Pain's Creek bridge, on the road from Eurobodalla to Dignam's Creek, consisting of three plain beam spans, has been completely washed away, and three culverts will also require replacing.

The Attorney-General and the Admiral.—On Monday the Attorney-General, Mr. J. H. Want, Q.C., paid an official visit to the Admiral, and the Admiral returned the visit yesterday morning. On account of Mr. Want being absent from the colony at the time of the Admiral's arrival he was not able to call on the Admiral at the same time as his colleagues.

The Queensland Minister for Mines.—The Hon. Robert Philp, Minister for Mines for Queensland, arrived in Sydney yesterday from Melbourne. He expects to return to Brisbane about the end of the week.

The Condobolin Railway.—It is probable that the railway from Bogan Gate to Condobolin will be opened on March 1.

Mr. Justice Simpson on Official Reports.—At the Divorce Court yesterday Mr. Justice Simpson said that he had inadvertently given a wrong impression in stating on the previous day that there had been no satisfactory official report of the case of Lewis v. Lewis. He had been led to make that statement through what he had been erroneously informed by counsel. He had seen the official report since making the previous statement.

The Minister for Education.—A report was current yesterday that Mr. Garrard, Minister for Education and Industry, had decided to resign his position in the Government. Mr. Garrard states that there is no truth whatever in the report, nor is there any reason why he should take such a step.

A Record in Postal History.—These are days of astonishing feats. Rapid transit and high pressure operations now obliterate time and annihilate distance. Away back in the "fifties" it was considered a phase of marvellous expedition if a letter posted in Tasmania reached its destination in this colony within a week. But much has happened since then, and surprises are now sprung upon the public with bewildering frequency. A surprise came to light the other day—doubtless a record in postal history. In the year 1873 a lady posted a letter in Hobart. What then happened to the epistle is not revealed, save in the silent fact that the letter, after 25 years of official care, was last week delivered to the lady who wrote it, she being at present a resident of Randwick.

The Weather.—The whole area of the rainfall in this colony yesterday was embraced in the country lying between Manning River and north to the Tweed, a distance of about 240 miles of coastline. It was nearly all coastal, and it was very heavy, particularly on the Richmond River about Casino and Lismore, where nearly 4in. fell in 24 hours. On the Clarence, Grafton had 2in.; at Coff's Harbour they had nearly as much, also at the Nambucca. On the Macleay it fell lighter; while south of there a few miles 2½in. were measured. At Camden Haven 161 points fell, and at the Manning the fall was 80 points. During the day the rain worked down to Port Stephens, and showery weather was prevailing over much of the country traced by the rivers already mentioned. Along the northern highlands Tenterfield had 26 points, and heavy rain fell at Armidale. West of that up to 22 points fell about Bingara, Inverell, and Warialda. Last night news was received of an extensive tropical rain disturbance, extending from north to south in Western Australia. It has a promising appearance for bringing rain into this colony at the end of the week.

Naval News.—The Wallaroo reached Jervis Bay late on Monday night, and was at anchor there last night. She proceeds thence to Hobart. The Rapid, from Sydney, arrived at Colombo on the 24th ultimo, and reported having had a very pleasant trip, via the Cocos Islands. Besides the vessels already mentioned as being despatched to the Far East, the first-class cruiser Cecille, 5933 tons displacement, and the second-class cruiser Jean Bart, 4109 tons, of the French Navy, are now on the way out, and should be there shortly. The German cruiser Oldenburg, 5200 tons, has been despatched to Crete, but is held in readiness to follow the Deutschland and the Gefion. The United States Government are despatching the cruisers Raleigh, 3183 tons, and the Helena, 1392 tons, to join Admiral M'Nair in command of the American division in Chinese waters, whilst the cruisers Olympia, 5800 tons, Boston, 3189 tons, and the Concord, 1700 tons, follow these, too.

Mail Steamers.—The Barbarossa to-day at noon is timed to sail hence for Bremen with, as will be seen from the complete list in another column of the "Herald," a very large number of passengers. The Barbarossa is one of the North German Lloyd's mammoth liners, a vessel of between 10,000 and 11,000 tons gross measurement, and as she is timed to sail at the same hour to-day as the P. and O. Company's 8000-ton steamer China there will be underway at that hour in Sydney Cove two of the finest and largest ships engaged in the mail service between Australia and Europe, and it may be added representatives of two of the foremost steamship companies. The Barbarossa is bound to Melbourne, while the China makes Hobart her first port, so that the two liners will be in company but for the short run of 240 miles from Sydney Heads to Gabo Island. Such a short course scarcely affords scope enough for the engines of these powerful ships to be opened out, assuming it were intended to make a full-speed trial of it; and of this there is no evidence it is said. Still, those who take any interest in ocean speeds will probably note the times at which the two liners pass the signal stations on their way south. A wire to the P. and O. Company was received yesterday to the effect that the Victoria, whose mails will this afternoon be delivered in the city, is to leave Melbourne to-day and will arrive in port early on Friday. The P. and O. Company have cable advice of the arrival at Plymouth of the Rome on the 21st instant, and of the sailing of the India from Colombo on the 19th instant for Albany. The India is making a quick run out. Her mails are dated London, the 4th instant, and they have apparently reached Colombo in 15 days. Allowing the India a 10 days' run to Albany she should be there on Tuesday next, the mails at Adelaide on the Friday following, and at Sydney on Monday, the 7th proximo, or 31 days from home postal date. The mails which left Sydney per Orizaba on January 17 arrived in London on the 19th instant.

The Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company.—Yesterday afternoon Sir Frederick Darley, Judge Commissary of the Vice-Admiralty Court, sat to hear an application on behalf of the Canadian Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company and the Provisional Liquidator appointed in England under the winding-up order, for a stay of proceedings. The Court was also asked to set aside all proceedings already taken here, on the ground that the winding-up order rendered them null and void. In the alternative it was asked that a postponement of the cases should be granted, in order to allow the company to plead in answer to the different suits. The application was opposed on behalf of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, and after hearing argument until 6 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned till Thursday afternoon next.

Shipping Casualties.—Several of the marine surveyors were yesterday early at the Adelaide Wharf to look after the iron ship Ardencraig. The vessel, as mentioned yesterday, had been in collision the night before with the steamer Macleay, and the true state of affairs was unknown until daylight, when the effect of the full force of the collision was seen on the starboard wing of the ship. The Macleay had left an indelible impress of her stem on the side of the 2000-ton clipper from the upper tier of plating down to a foot or so beneath the surface of the water. It was not a cut—simply a crushing blow—that forced by sheer pressure the heavy plating of the ship inward. The holds of the vessel were empty, the ship being in ballast, and consequently the plates caved inward when the weight of the steamer came against them. Had she been a loaded ship the probability is that she would have filled and gone down. At the survey the ship was represented by Captain Jack; Mr. Macallister, superintending engineer, represented the North Coast Company, to whom the colliding steamer Macleay belongs; Captain J. M. Banks, for the underwriters of the steamer; and Mr. R. Pollock for Lloyd's classification. They found that several plates must be removed, one of the frames and two of the beams, the latter buckled. The repairs for which tenders have been called will be carried out without delay. It will not be necessary, it is thought, for the ship to go into dry dock, as the work can be done afloat. With regard to the partially dismasted ship Industrie, which put in here the other day bound to Valparaiso, tenders have been called for to-day for the repairs. News of the total loss of the steamer Kiangning was yesterday received. The vessel, which was 987 tons, built of iron, sank at Shanghai, having on board at the time 20,000 cases of kerosene oil. The crew landed.

Co-respondents in Divorce.—In the course of an application at the Divorce Court yesterday Mr. Justice Simpson expressed the opinion that it would be injurious to the interests of the public to facilitate the non-appearance of co-respondents in divorce suits. The appli-

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cation was to dispense with the citation of a co-respondent on the ground that he was "believed to be dead." His Honor said he would never consent to dispense with a citation for the reason that someone believed the person implicated was not in existence.

KISSING THE BOOK.—The custom of kissing the Bible has been frequently discussed in view of the probable evil effects to health that may result from it. Nevertheless, the practice is as strongly established in the law courts as is the fashion of wearing wigs among barristers. At the Court of Quarter Sessions yesterday a witness refused to kiss the Bible, and was sworn in the Scotch method, repeating the formula of the oath, and keeping the right hand raised above the head. Professional men whose duty it is to give evidence frequently are often known to carry with them their own Bibles.

WOMEN IN COURT.—More than once during the present sittings of the Central Criminal Court remarks have been made from the Bench and Bar upon the attendance in Court of women during the hearing of evidence of a decidedly indelicate character. The Crown Prosecutor yesterday again drew his Honor's attention to the presence of a number of women, and suggested that they might be asked to retire. As they did not take the hint thus given to them, the Judge said, "I can't understand why respectable women with the slightest sense of decency can remain in Court during such a case as this." A general exodus of the female portion of the audience followed. The suggestion by Mr. Levien that the two women in the dock should also be sent out provoked a ripple of amusement.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT IN COLOMBO.—Letters received in Sydney from Colombo comment adversely upon the way Australian meat is being treated in Colombo. One correspondent remarks that though the ordinance removing the duty paid on frozen meat has been passed there is no prospect of Australian meat being cheaper on that account, for just as the ad valorem duty is removed the municipal authorities have brought in a tax which practically amounts to the same as that of the obnoxious tariff. At the time of writing, January 27, the price of native mutton was 40 cents. per lb., and Australian frozen 36 cents. per lb., remarkable prices in a market within three weeks' steam, of Sydney.

PRESENTATION TO MR. T. A. DIBBS.—A valuable silver salver, 2ft. 6in. in diameter, forming part of the gift lately presented by the shareholders to Mr. T. A. Dibbs, the general manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, is on view at Messrs. Flavelle and Roberts's. It has a rope border with vine leaves and fruit, the engraving on the tray being floral, with the following inscription in the centre:—"1847. Seventh July, 1897. Presented to Thomas Allwright Dibbs, Esq., general manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, by the unanimous vote of the shareholders in commemoration of his jubilee and his faithful and devoted services to the bank during the past fifty years."

CONDEMNATION OF FRUIT.—On Monday evening a consignment of apples from Victoria was condemned by the fruit inspectors on account of it being affected by the Codlin moth.

EXPORT OF POULTRY TO SOUTH AFRICA.—It will come as a surprise to most people to learn that through the instrumentality of the Board of Exports a large and flourishing trade in poultry is springing up between this colony and South Africa. A start was made in October last, and since then the trade has grown apace till now from 3000 to 4000 fowls, ducks, geese, and turkeys are sent from Sydney to South Africa by each steamer. The system adopted is for the owners to bring their poultry to the Board's stores alive. The Board then kills, plucks, dresses, packs, freezes, and ships the poultry, the whole of this work, including the supply of the cases, being done at a small charge just sufficient to cover expenses. We are informed that the poultry growers who have sent their poultry to South Africa through the Board have expressed the highest gratification at the manner in which the Board has done the work entrusted to it. The shipments are chiefly made by the Gulf line. Yesterday a consignment went by the steamer Woolloomooloo.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL BALL.—A meeting of the committee upon whom devolves the responsibility of making arrangements for the ball in aid of the funds of St. Vincent's Hospital, which is to be held on April 13, took place at the Town Hall yesterday, the chair being occupied by the Mayoress (Mrs. Matthew Harris), who is one of the vice-presidents of the committee. There were also present—Mrs. Boesen, Mrs. Hughes, sen., and Mrs. Pluckett (vice-presidents), Mrs. T. M. Slattery and Mrs. John Toohey (hon. treasurers), Mrs. Douglas Mackenzie and Miss Craven (hon. secretaries pro tem.), and also Mesdames Acheson, Creagh, Strange, Harrison, Slattery, P. Owen, Toohey, Gannon, Johnson, Collins, Olive, Clune, Quinlan, Donnelly, Coghlan, Hickey, Edwards, and Cecil Griffiths, and Misses Fitzgerald, Slattery, M'Carthy, Meagher, M'Evoy, Anderson, and Bellisario. A letter was read from the Private Secretary to the Governor, intimating that his Excellency had been pleased to accord his patronage to the ball. It was also reported that his Excellency the Admiral, Major-General French, and the Mayor and Mayoress, had promised their patronage. Committees were appointed as follows:—Supper committee, Miss M'Carthy and Mrs. Clune; supper table decorations, Mrs. Gannon and Mrs. Percy Owen; decoration of the hall, Mrs. Toohey, Mrs. Cecil Griffiths, and Mrs. Coghlan. The name of Mr. Tollemache was mentioned in connection with the catering, and that of Mr. De Groen as the probable conductor of the orchestra.

MR. PERCY SPENCE'S PICTURES. — Messrs. Callan and Son are now exhibiting an attractive collection of oil and water-colour paintings from the brush of Mr. Percy S. F. Spence. The Australian artist is returning to London, where remunerative work awaits him, and offers these pictures for sale before his departure by the Australasian on March 4. Already seven of the pictures exhibited have been purchased, but some spirited animal paintings, full of life and vigour, dainty figure-subjects, and Australian landscape scenes, remain, which repay inspection. Special mention should be made of an admirable likeness of Sir George Dibbs, standing in an attitude of repose by his lathe, in which is the famous stick which he afterwards presented to the Queen. Sir George Dibbs is shown in working-dress, wearing a Bismarck cap; and a good point in the cleverly-handled picture is the amount of light and life which the artist has infused into a subject the colour scheme of which is in neutral tones—for the most part harmonious greys and browns. It is probably one of the best things Mr. Spence has done, and would doubtless attract favourable notice if exhibited in London.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL FATALITY.—The City Coroner, Mr. J. C. Woore, J.P., conducted an inquest yesterday on the body of John Leslie, 40, who died on Monday morning from injuries received by a fall from a height of about 50ft. at St. Mary's Cathedral. The deceased, who was aged 40, resided at Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst. He and a fellow-workman named W. Drury were in a box and were being hoisted up by means of a crane, when the box, which, with the material, weighed about a ton, dropped to the ground. Leslie died shortly after he was admitted to the hospital. He has left a widow and three children. Dr. Bowker said death was due to shock and to the injuries received. It was also stated that deceased hooked the "dogs" on to the box and gave the signal to be hauled up. Deceased stood up and the other man sat down. The "dogs" seemed to slip when the box was about 50ft. from the ground. The deceased came down with the box and did not fall out. A verdict was returned that deceased died from the injuries received, and that the injuries were the result of his own act.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN A BRICK PIT.—The Deputy City Coroner (Dr. Rennie) held an inquest yesterday morning at the Prince Alfred Hospital touching the death of Thomas Watson, aged 55, a labourer, who was employed at Spiers' brickworks, St. Peters, on the 3rd instant, and who on that date met with injuries which resulted in his death in the Prince Alfred Hospital on Sunday last. Dr. Jefferies stated that he attended the deceased at his residence St. Peters shortly after the accident. He found him suffering from a deep cut, extending through the left side of the face into the mouth over the lower jaw, which was fractured. Witness recommended his admission to Prince Alfred Hospital, but the deceased refused to go. Witness continued to attend him until the 16th instant. As he was getting worse witness again recommended his admission to the hospital. This time he consented to go, and witness did not see him again. Dr. Ellis, resident medical officer at the hospital, stated that the deceased was admitted to the institution on Wednesday last, suffering from a compound fracture on the left side of the lower jaw. He also presented symptoms of inflammation of the lungs. Witness treated him but he did not improve and died on Sunday evening. Samuel Boutley, a labourer who was working with the deceased in the clay pit at the time of the accident, stated that the deceased had filled his truck and was in the act of pushing it out, when a piece of clay weighing about 12lb. slipped from the face of the embankment and struck the deceased on the back of the neck. The clay fell about 40ft. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

THE AUSTRALIAN BUTTER TRADE.—"Some importers of Australian butter in London" (says the Melbourne "Age") "are running serious risks, according to Messrs. W. Weddel and Co.'s circular, just received, regarding the naming of the country in which the butter was made, as is required by the Customs regulations. From the Board of Trade returns for December, the quantity of butter given as imported from New South Wales, according to the Customs entries, is 3566cwt., whereas according to the ships' manifests the quantity was 14,351cwt. As there is a penalty of £5 for every false entry, importers are advised to be more particular as to the country of origin. Messrs. Weddel's editor apparently takes it for granted that the ship's manifests are right and the importers' entries are wrong; and he makes no allowance for the loading at intermediate ports. It is explained by the Victorian Department of Agriculture that as the steamers run between Sydney and London as terminal ports, it is probable that they do not take the trouble to separate the cargo picked up on the way, and hence everything is credited to New South Wales. The department further points out, however, that the misstatement of the country of origin cannot cause any practical injury to this colony, because all our butter is branded as coming from Victoria. At the same time it is unsatisfactory that a misrepresentation which causes the Customs records to partially ignore the great butter trade of this colony should be possible, and the department would do well to discuss this matter with the steamship companies."

To-morrow the steamer General Gordon will make an extended excursion on the Hawkesbury River connecting with trains leaving Sydney at 9 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m. On arrival of train at Hawkesbury the steamer will proceed up the river to Windsor, from which station passengers will take special train to Sydney, via Blacktown. On Friday the trip will be made in the reverse direction, passengers leaving Sydney by the 9.25 a.m. train for Windsor, and the steamer proceeding down the river to Hawkesbury.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was to have been held yesterday afternoon for the consideration of certain resolutions, moved by Alderman Jeanneret, regarding the administration of the Water and Sewerage Department and the relations of the corporation with the board; but as it was found that several of the aldermen desired to attend the annual meeting of the Sydney Hospital, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting of the council until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

The Auburn Council intends approaching Major-General French and the Railway Commissioners suggesting for consideration the convenience that would arise by using Auburn station for the arrival and departure of Southern and Western troops at the forthcoming camp at Rookwood.

Mr. Hajime Furusawa, in charge of the Japanese consulate at Sydney, sends to this office a useful manual in the "General View of Commerce and Industry in the Empire of Japan."

In reference to an announcement made in these columns last week the Government has now notified Mr. Mahony, M.L.A., that the final section of channel, White's Creek to Booth-street, will proceed. The land will be resumed for that purpose, and claims of landowners will be dealt with in the usual way.

Mr. John Norton, who is a candidate for the vacancy in the representation of Phillip Ward in the City Council, will address a meeting of ratepayers at Fagan's Q.C.E. Hotel, Abercrombie-street, this evening.

The names of Colonel and Mrs. Mackenzie were inadvertently omitted from the list of those invited to the Madame Albani reception.

The ex-Mayor of Drummoyne (Alderman G. A. Richards) was the recipient of a graceful compliment on Monday night, in the Carrington Hall, Drummoyne, when upwards of 100 gentlemen were present at a social evening organised for the purpose of recognising the efforts of Alderman Richards for the advancement of the district. Mr. J. Howley presided.

An interesting entertainment was given at the Unitarian Church last night in connection with the literary and debating society. The first part of the programme consisted of a number of excellent cinematograph views, which were thrown upon the screen by Mr. J. B. Wakely, and afterwards some fine scenes in the Kiandra district were capitally reproduced.

Prior to his departure for London by the R.M.S. China Mr. F. Glencross Swift, late accountant and office manager of the firm of Messrs. John Connell and Co., was entertained by the employees of the abovenamed firm at Mr. Quong Tart's tearooms on Monday night. During the evening Mr. Swift was presented with a gold chain and pendant suitably inscribed. Mr. Swift was also entertained by a number of his legal friends at Paris House on Thursday last.

Major Rennie, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, sends us a copy of "Letters, Fables, and Sayings of Amicus." The contents are short humorous papers, with a not too obtrusive reference to life insurance.

We have received from Messrs. W. R. Maclardy and Co., of No. 82 Pitt-street, the first issue of "The N.S.W. Racing Guide," of which they are the publishers. This is to be a monthly publication, giving a continuous record of the principal race meetings in New South Wales, with marginal references to previous performances during the year. Each monthly edition will comprise the racing to date from the previous January 1, until the yearly volume is reached, the price being in proportion.

The band of the N.S.W. Artillery Regiment will (weather permitting) perform in the Outer Domain this afternoon under the direction of Brigade Bandmaster Hutchinson, commencing at 4 o'clock.

ATMOSPHERIC GAS COMPANY.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.

The directors of the Atmospheric Gas Company met yesterday and received a report furnished by the detectives engaged in connection with the company's affairs. The directors are prosecuting inquiries in the direction of ascertaining if the patent is of any commercial value. Messrs. Goulder and Hoskisson, the detectives who have been employed in tracing the movements of the two men who were concerned for some time here in promoting the company's business, state that steps are being taken to secure extradition of these men, both of whom after leaving here by the steamer Elingamite went to Auckland. They also allege that a lady secured tickets for the voyage in names other than those by which the men were known. They are supposed to have had in their possession about £3000, which represented cash receipts in connection with the patent and for shares. The two men with their wives did not stay long in Auckland, and from there proceeded to Wellington. The San Francisco boats call at the former port and the Canadian liners at the capital city. At Wellington one of the wanted men introduced his co-voyager to a fellow voyager, and in conversation with this gentleman said they were going to Vancouver and thence to Klondyke, where they purposed to work a gold-saving apparatus with which he predicted they would revolutionise gold-saving work. The men and their wives are believed to have left Wellington in the steamer Aorangi on Saturday, February 12, and she is due at Honolulu on Friday next. The steamer Moana left Auckland on Saturday, 19th, and will also stop at Honolulu. Cablegrams have been sent to Vancouver and San Francisco giving particulars of the men. Part of the time one of the men was in Sydney he stayed at the Royal Hotel, and the other man and his wife resided in Kent-street. People who bought shares at £10 had expressed belief in a rise going on until at least £80 would be offered for shares. Numerous offers to give £50 and £60 for shares which cost £10 were refused, so great was the confidence of the holders of the price increasing. One gentleman, who is a well-known chemist here, succeeded in persuading a friend of his not to put £1000 into the concern. The chemist on going with the would-be purchaser of shares to an office of the company was prevented by a man from gaining admission to the place where the gas was alleged to be generated. All he was allowed to see was the flame and a stove from which the gas was turned on and off. He smelt a strong odour of oil of citronella. His inquiries drew the answers that chemicals were used, and if the supply ran out they could be easily manufactured. It was intended to issue 2000 shares at £10, which would cover the cost of patents and other matters. The two detectives named are actively engaged in making investigations.

TO-DAY.

Madame Albani's Opening Concert: Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Organ Recital: Town Hall, 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Cathedral: Ash Wednesday Services, 8, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
L.O.L., No. 1: Meeting, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Athol Gardens and Trip to Middle Harbour: Steamer Birkenhead, from No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, 7.45 p.m.
Moonlight Trip to Middle Harbour: Nelson's steamer Alathea will leave No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, 7.45 p.m.
Gas Cooking Demonstrations: Raleigh's New Paragon, School of Arts, Pitt-street, 2.30 p.m.
Industrial and Provident Permanent Benefit Building and Investment Society: Annual Meeting, Temperance Hall, 8 p.m.
North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability: General Meeting, No. 111 Pitt-street, noon.
Annual Meeting Sydney Clerks and Warehousemen's Benefit Association, 8 p.m.
Y.W.C.A.: Week of Prayer, 40 Phillip-street.
Phillip Ward Election: Address by Mr. John Norton, Mr. Fagan's Q.C.E. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Canterbury Park Races: Pony and Galloway Meeting. First race starts at 2.15 p.m.
Opera House: "Shamus O'Brien," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Nancy and Her Sailor," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "French Maid," 7.45 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Harry Rickards's Variety Company, 8 p.m.
The Cyclorama: Opposite Redfern Railway Station.
Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition, 82 King-street.
Wesleyan Conference.—Pastoral business, 10 a.m.; representative business, 2.30 p.m.
People's Hall, 408 Sussex-street.—To-night, at 8.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

WEST AFRICA.

THE REPORTED FRENCH INVASION OF SOKOTO.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL DENIAL.

THE PARIS BOURSE STEADY.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The news from West Africa has depressed the provincial exchanges.

The British forces in the Lagos and Gold Coast hinterland now number 6000 men.

Feb. 22.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons last night Mr. Chamberlain stated that Colonel Pilcher, commanding the Haussa forces at Lokoja, has confirmed the reported arrival of French troops at Argungu, in the Empire of Sokoto. In view of the negotiations which were proceeding, however, the Government was unable to believe that the invasion of the territory was authorised, since France had recognised the British rights to Sokoto.

It is semi-officially denied in Paris that the French forces are at present in Sokoto.

The "Debats" says that Sokoto indisputably belongs to Britain.

The Paris Bourse is steady.

British Consols have suffered a further fall of ⅛.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND.

ADMINISTRATION ENTRUSTED TO COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCILS.

INTRICATE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

AN IMPERIAL GRANT.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

In the House of Commons last night Mr. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, introduced the Irish Local Government Bill. He gave a lucid explanation of the provisions of the bill.

The measure entrusts the administration of local government to county councils, urban and rural district councils, and boards of guardians, the members of which are to be elected under the Parliamentary franchise. The county councils will undertake the fiscal and administrative duties under the Act, the regulation of grand juries, the management of lunatic asylums, and will deal with cases of exceptional distress. Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, Londonderry, and Waterford are to be constituted county council boroughs. The district councils will exercise control over the roads, collect rates, and regulate the rating.

The financial provisions of the bill are of an intricate character. Occupiers are to be made liable for the county cess and also for the poor rates. Provision is made for an annual Imperial grant of £730,000.

Mr. John Morley, Mr. John Dillon, Mr. T. Healy, Mr. J. Redmond, and the Irish Unionist members cordially welcomed the measure. Mr. Michael Davitt opposed it.

The bill was read the first time. The second reading will be taken a fortnight hence.

THE TRANSVAAL.

BRITISH SUZERAINTY.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The "Volksstem," the leading Dutch paper in the Transvaal, says that it is expected the Volksraad will reaffirm the opinion of President Kruger with regard to British suzerainty over the Transvaal, and will communicate its decision to the foreign Powers.

The publication of the article in the "Volksstem" caused a heavy fall in South African shares.

GERMANY AND THE BRITISH COLONIES.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The merchants of Berlin have petitioned Prince Hohenlohe, the Chancellor of the Empire, to take steps to regulate the commercial relations between Germany and Great Britain and the British colonies, otherwise, they say, trade will be seriously hampered.

THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Russian newspapers warn Europe that the candidature of Prince George of Greece (the nominee of Russia) for the governorship of Crete has not been abandoned.

H.M.S. VICTORIOUS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

H.M.S. Victorious, which recently went ashore at Port Said, has proceeded on her voyage to China.

ILLNESS OF THE CZARINA.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Czarina of Russia is suffering from an attack of measles.

A DEFICIT IN JAPAN.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Japanese Budget shows a deficit of 17,000,000 yen (about £3,400,000).

THE TRADE OF CANADA.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The trade of Canada has increased by 31,000,000dol. (about £6,000,000) within the past seven months.

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 1½d per ounce standard.

A RICH DISCOVERY.
Ogden's Guinea Gold Cigarettes are obtainable everywhere; 6d packet. Sweet and fragrant.—Advt.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

THE ZOLA TRIAL.

TUMULTUOUS SCENES IN COURT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Tumultuous scenes took place in court in Paris to-day during the trial of M. Zola.

The Judge refused to allow the counsel for M. Zola to cross-examine the military witnesses.

M. Zola, in addressing the jury, said that the Government was perfectly aware of the innocence of Captain Dreyfus, and accused it of directing the verdict of the jury.

Frequent violent contests occurred between the Judge, M. Zola, and the barristers engaged in the case, the spectators alternately hissing and cheering.

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M. Zola made an eloquent appeal in his defence. He declared that he had sacrificed his liberty to save the imperilled honour of the nation. He denied that he had insulted the army. The real dishonourers of the army were those who refused justice to a man who had been illegally convicted. He was convinced that the innocence of Captain Dreyfus would yet be demonstrated.

M. Labori, counsel for M. Zola, commenced a masterly address to the jury. He emphasised the injustice of reopening the Esterhazy case while refusing to reinvestigate the case of Captain Dreyfus.

OBITUARY.

MRS. GOSCHEN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The death is announced of Mrs. Goschen, wife of the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty.

THE BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF BEDFORD.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Robert Claudius Billing, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Bedford.

The late Bishop Suffragan of Bedford was appointed rector of Spitalfields and rural dean in 1878. He became a prebendary of St. Paul's in 1886, and rector of St. Andrew Undershaft in 1887. He resigned work as Bishop Suffragan for North and East London in 1895.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The local agent for the North Mount Lyell Company to-day lodged with the Government a deposit of £1000 pursuant to the terms of the Act for the construction of a railway from the company's property to Kelly's basin in Macquarie Harbour.

Rain is still sorely needed.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

Mr. Malcolm Nicoll has been elected chairman of the Auckland Harbour Board.

LOSS OF THE WARSHIP MAINE.

QUESTION OF ETIQUETTE.

MR. REID'S VIEWS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

There has been some criticism in Melbourne regarding the mode in which the Premier of New South Wales forwarded to the President of the United States a joint cable message of condolence from the Australian Premiers attending the Convention. Speaking to a "Herald" reporter this evening, Mr. Reid said it surprised him that those who criticised what was done could not see the difference between an official correspondence on matters of public business and a message of sympathy in the presence of a great calamity. Those who thought it necessary to send such a message according to official etiquette took a superficial view of the nature of such occasions. If the telegram had gone according to official rules, various difficulties would have arisen. In the first place, there would have been a question as to which of the five Governors should have sent the message. Ought it to have been Lord Brassey, because it was sent from Melbourne? or Lord Hampden, because the Premier of New South Wales forwarded it; or, the message being forwarded from all the five Premiers, ought all the five Governors to have forwarded the message? Then consider the circuitous process necessary. The message would have had to go to the Governor of the colony, from the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the British Ambassador at Washington. Contrast a message sent in that way with a direct message to the President, eliciting a spontaneous reply, and they would recognise the difference between a message conveying sympathy and the correspondence which took place when they wanted the extradition of a criminal. "It would be strange, indeed," insisted Mr. Reid, "if the Premiers of the colony had not the right to express sympathy with their American kindred in the face of a serious calamity." Speaking generally, Mr. Reid said he was in favour of the official mode of communication through the Governors, but that the present was an exceptional case. Replying to a question put to him, Mr. Reid said the Premiers were entirely gratified by the reply to the telegram. That reply put in a more vivid light than any yet presented the feeling of kinship which animated the two great members of the Anglo-Saxon race concerned, and he thought that any one who could find fault with such a message as that sent by the Premiers would be a person whose great mission in life it would be to find fault with everything.

Mr. Reid has received the following telegram:—"Stock Exchange, Sydney. The Right Hon. George Reid.—On behalf of the American colony in Sydney, I desire to thank you and your associated Premiers for the kindly words sent to our President regarding the recent sad calamity in Havanah Harbour. Our sympathies may embrace the whole human race, but a family affliction touches the chords that awaken a genuine sorrow. (Signed) Geo. W. Bell."

THE WRECK OF THE CANDIDA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

A telegram from Port Victoria states that the masts of the ill-fated ship Candida are still to be seen above water, and a portion of her hull could also be seen at low water this morning. The harbour master has no boat under his control, and but for the Moonta fishing boat the predicament of the shipwrecked men would have been worse than it was.

Later.

The Candida appears to have partly righted herself. She is standing on the reef in a nearly upright position. The captain was in his cabin at 9 o'clock on Sunday night when the vessel struck on the reef. The second officer was on watch at the time of the accident. Captain Kymark, surveyor to the Melbourne Underwriters' Association, arrived in Adelaide to-day, and will leave on Wednesday for the scene of the wreck, with the view of reporting as to what steps, if any, should be taken regarding salvage.

FARE THEE WELL, AND IF FOR EVER,
Still for ever, fare thee well!
But to fare really well you
Must drink Brown's Four Crown Whisky.—Advt.

VICTORIA.

AN EXCITING OCCURRENCE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

An exciting occurrence took place at Ballarat at 11 o'clock last night at the Parade Hotel, Lake Wendouree. A man, who was a stranger in the district, entered the premises, took possession of the bar, and dared the landlord to remove him. Constable Nicholson, who has charge of the police station close by, was sent for, and on his appearing upon the scene the man drew a revolver and fired four shots at him. Three shots passed through the side of the constable's coat, while the fourth grazed his thumb. The constable then rushed at the man, and, hitting him with his baton on the head, brought him to the ground. As the man was badly cut by the blow he was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he was not severely injured. In his possession were found a number of cartridges and several tickets for bicycles which had been pledged in pawnshops. A letter was also found in his pocket addressed to some relations in Orange, New South Wales, in which he stated that he had been suffering from the effects of drink, and intended committing suicide. The police ascertained that the man, who had been drinking, was seen in the neighbourhood of Lake Wendouree yesterday afternoon, armed with a revolver, and looking for a policeman and dogs to shoot.

Sir G. Turner telegraphed to-night to Sir Hugh Nelson, Premier of Queensland, asking him to visit Melbourne next week to attend the conference of Premiers, which will sit while the Convention is waiting for the preparation of the Constitution Bill.

The Railway Commissioner, Mr. Mathieson, has invited the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and South Australia to meet him and discuss the matters reported upon by the recent conference of traffic managers.

Mr. Robert Harper, the late member for Bourke East in the Legislative Assembly, was presented to-day with an address in recognition of his services to the electors.

An old man named Cooper, aged 70, was being rubbed to-day with turpentine liniment to ease rheumatic pains. In lighting his pipe the liquid became ignited, and he was enveloped in flames with serious results. The sufferer was removed to the hospital for treatment.

The affairs of Messrs. J. C. Bowden and Co., of Balranald and Melbourne, have at last been settled by the payment of a dividend of 6s in the £ to the trade creditors. The realisation of the estate proved rather better than was expected.

The shipment of gold from Melbourne by the Cuzco to-day was valued at £129,500.

QUEENSLAND.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Crown Prosecutors, Messrs. Mansfield, Rutledge, and Jameson, have presented their report to the Attorney-General upon the questions submitted to them by his direction on his return to Queensland in connection with the Queensland National Bank. The Attorney-General on this report has directed that proceedings be instituted against the late directors and auditors of the bank. The proceedings will, it is understood, be taken—(1) for offences under section 89 of the Larceny Act; (2) for conspiracy to commit those offences; (3) for conspiracy to defraud and deceive the shareholders of the bank and the public by false representations as to the bank's solvency.

The steamer Duke of Argyll takes 62½ tons of butter for the London market from two butter factories in the southern parts of the colony.

The colony's export of sugar for the fortnight ended February 15 was 1344 tons.

Dr. Hunt, Government pathologist, has commenced a series of experiments at Rockhampton with the view of discovering a means of mitigating the virulence of the micro-organism of tick fever.

At Toowoomba a boy named Christian Gisler accidentally shot his sister, aged 17, with a pea rifle. The boy, on entering the kitchen, bumped against the corner of the doorway, causing the rifle to go off. His sister, who was stooping over the fire, received the bullet in her temple. There is no hope of her recovery.

Thirteen boxes of gold, containing 3254oz., were shipped at Normanton to-day for the Royal Bank, Townsville, for transhipment to England.

All the country mails are blocked owing to the floods.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TESTIMONIAL TO HILL.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The "Register," acting upon the suggestion of various correspondents, amongst whom are prominent gentlemen in the cricket community, has started a shilling subscription testimonial to Hill, to be presented to him on the celebration of his twenty-first birthday on March 18. The present, which is to take the form of a trophy, is to be made in recognition of his unique performances with the bat, more especially of his score of 188 in the Fourth Test Match and of his being the first cricketer to make 1000 runs in one season of Australian first-class cricket.

The "Register's" estimate of the wheat yield of the harvest for 1897-8 gives 988,250 acres reaped, producing 3,705,937 bushels, or an average per acre of 3 bushels and 45lb. Deducting food and seed requirements, this leaves an apparent surplus of 19,000 tons.

NORTHERN TERRITORY.

PORT DARWIN, Monday.

The Taiyuan, from Southern ports, arrived on Saturday, and sailed for Hongkong on Sunday.

H.M.S. Lizard sailed on Saturday. The Cygnet, for Wyndham, sailed to-day.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN BRISBANE.

THE MATCH ABANDONED.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The rain that fell throughout the night and this morning caused the cricket ground to be in an unfit state to continue the match between Stoddart's Eleven and the combined Queensland and Victorian team. At half-past 12 the umpires inspected the wicket, and decided to abandon the match. The Cricket Association will suffer considerable loss. It is understood the Victorians received substantial fees, while the Englishmen shared the gate-money equally with the cricket ground committee. The takings on Saturday totalled about £250.

WAGGA LAND BOARD.

IMPORTANT LAND EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

WAGGA, Tuesday.

The Wagga Land Board had before it to-day an important land exchange proposal which, if carried out, will lead to an increase in settlement in the vicinity of Lockhart and Brookong. This was an application by the Law Debenture Corporation for the surrender and exchange of certain land on Brookong pastoral holding. Mr. Barlow, surveyor, appeared for the Crown; Mr. J. B. Nutting, manager of the Law Debenture Corporation, appeared for the corporation; Mr. Heath, solicitor, appeared for the objectors, the Brookong Farmers' Union; and the Lockhart Progress Committee were represented by Mr. W. Day and Mr. W. D. Drummond. In reply to the board, Mr. Barlow said the Minister had determined that the whole of the exchanges should be considered together. After some discussion, the chairman stated that the reference from the Minister was for the board to complete the case. It was eventually decided to deal with the present matter as a supplementary exchange. Mr. Nutting contended that the objectors had no locus standi, as the objections had not been sent in at the proper date; but the contention was overruled by the board.

Maurice Barlow, Government surveyor, in his evidence stated the facts of the case. The aggregate area of land sought in exchange under this supplementary proposal was 5589 acres, and the aggregate area of lands offered in surrender was 5360¼ acres. The aggregate value of the lands sought in exchange was £9079, and of that offered in surrender £9746, the excess value of lands offered in surrender being £667. The aggregate value of improvements on the land sought in exchange was £263 8s 3d, and of those proposed to be surrendered £416 2s 6d. He considered that this exchange if carried out in connection with the previous exchange, which was recommended by the board, would be a fair and equitable one. It would tend to the consolidation of the lessee's estate, and would also place at the disposal of the Crown first-class agricultural land in a compact form adjoining large areas of Crown land and entirely surrounded by selections. Walter Day, farmer, and W. D. Drummond gave evidence in opposition to the proposal, which they contended was against the interest of settlement, as the lands to be given up by the Crown were adjacent to Lockhart, where settlement was proceeding rapidly. The further hearing was adjourned till to-morrow.

NEWCASTLE.

MUTUAL HELP SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

The fifth annual meeting of the members of the Newcastle Mutual Help Society—an organisation formed by the ladies of the city and suburbs for the purpose of providing clothing for the destitute of the district—was held at the Town Hall this afternoon. Mrs. Ireland (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

The annual report, which was submitted by the hon. secretary (Mrs. Berkeley), stated that the working committee had met every Friday morning during the year for the purpose of making garments. The total number of garments cut and distributed was 3552, in addition to which a number of parcels of second-hand clothing, presented by members of the society and friends, had been given away. These parcels included 214 hats, 99 pairs of blankets, 42 second-hand garments, six cloaks, and a large quantity of underclothing. Relief of this description had been granted to 43 men, 160 women, and 1162 children. Through the efforts of Mr. Dick, M.L.A., a special Government grant of £100 had been received.

The balance-sheet presented by the hon. treasurer showed that the income for the year (including the Government grant of £100) amounted to £151 13s 8½d, which, added to a credit balance of £142 17s brought forward from the previous year, made total funds available £294 10s 8½d. The expenditure amounted to £173 3s 4d, of which the sum of £165 10s 10d had been expended in the purchase of material for making garments. There was a credit balance in hand of £121 7s 4½d.

On the motion of Mrs. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mrs. Fuller, the report and balance-sheet were adopted and ordered to be printed.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Ireland (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. Newton (re-elected); hon. secretary, Mrs. Berkeley (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mrs. Timbury (re-elected); committee, Mesdames Barnett, Burke, Baker, Fuller, Hunt, Cuthbertson, Hogg, Henson, Ingall, M'Donnell, Mulholland, Jones, Baysmith, Piltold, Solomon, Shaw, Stronach, Wolledge, and Taylor, and Misses Talbot, Mackenzie, and Wolledge.

Votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Ludlow (honorary medical officer to the society), to Mr. Dick, M.L.A., for his efforts in regard to the Government subsidy, &c., to the outgoing committee for their services during the past year, and to the president for presiding.

THE MINORA DISASTER.

The inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the foundering at sea of the brig Minora on January last will be opened by the Marine Board to-morrow afternoon. The delay has been occasioned by the continued indisposition of Captain Gallant, the sole survivor of the wreck. The master, who has been in Sydney for several weeks past, has now sufficiently recovered to give his evidence.

AN HEROIC DEED.

A resident of Newcastle named John M'Laren displayed considerable bravery this afternoon in rescuing a lad 15 years of age named Cave, a resident of Stockton, from a watery grave. It appears that the lad whilst bathing off the ocean beach at the rear of the hospital was washed out to sea for about a hundred yards, and his companions were unable to render assistance. M'Laren swam out with one of the life-lines provided by the council for cases of accidents, but before he reached the lad the end of the line, which was entrusted to boys on the beach, was let go, and M'Laren also had a narrow escape. A resident named Thomas Liddell then appeared on the scene and secured the end of the line, bringing M'Laren and the drowning lad safe to shore.

THE FITZROY WRECK.

The purchaser of the wrecked steamer Fitzroy, Alderman W. B. Sharp, has made arrangements to blow up the wreck with dynamite, with a view to securing the bulk of the cargo. It is thought that if the vessel is shattered the cargo will float on to the Stockton beach. All hopes of floating the steamer or of saving any portion of her machinery has long since been abandoned. The wreck, which is deeply embedded in the sand, is fast going to pieces.

ROMAN CATHOLIC FAIR.

The Fair of the Centuries, which was opened in the Masonic Hall on Thursday week last, was brought to a close to-night. The object of the undertaking was to raise funds on behalf of the Roman Catholic schools of Newcastle and district, and the result has been highly gratifying, a substantial sum having been realised. To-night's programme included instrumental and vocal selections, electrical displays, Rontgen rays' exhibition, and choruses by the pupils of the Hamilton Convent schools. The drawings for several valuable prizes were conducted by the Mayor of Newcastle and a representative committee, amidst a good deal of excitement.

THE THREATENED COLLIERY STRIKE.

Matters in connection with the impending strike at the Co-operative Colliery, Plattsburg, are reaching a climax, and it is probable that within the course of a few days the men will hand in their notices. It is understood that the manager of the colliery has emphatically refused to reinstate 40 dismissed hands, and the proprietors of the mine, who have been interviewed by the officials of the Colliery Employees' Federation, have declined to interfere in the dispute between the manager and the men. The ballot on the question is still proceeding among the mining lodges of the district, and the latest returns are in favour of a strike, 1282 against 587. It is a foregone conclusion that there will be an overwhelming majority in favour of a strike, and this decision carries with it the responsibility of supporting the strikers during the conflict. It has been decided that each employee shall individually give 14 days' notice, in order that the action of the men shall be legal.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINING.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The machinery for the Bank of England mine is being delivered on the property. It comprises 10 head of stamps. The main shaft of the Boulder Consolidated, one of the Associated's southern mines, is down 196ft.; the lode now being broken, being nice sulphide ore. Water is increasing rapidly, and now there is no less than 13,000 gallons daily, but the pump can cope with the present inflow. No announcement has yet been made of the value of the ore struck. Several important developments are announced in the vicinity of Bulong. At a depth of 200ft. a lode 16ft. wide has been cut of the value of over 2oz. of gold per ton.

KANOWNA, Tuesday.

Twenty-two tons of cement from Walker's claim have yielded 62oz. 10dwt. gold. This claim was sold a few days ago for £30. 100 tons of cement of similar value are awaiting breaking. Numbers of disappointed alluvial diggers are leaving for the rush near Kurnalpi.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Reports of the following crushings have been received:—Lady Shenton, 552 tons, 1518oz. gold; Mount Magnet Eclipse, Coolgardie, 19 tons, 255oz.; Venus, Boogardie, 15 tons, 55oz.; Burra Burra, Canonville, 25 tons, 51oz.; Wrayfield, 13 tons, 30oz.

NORSEMAN, Tuesday.

In the Cumberland mine work in the drive continues to reveal splendid gold. The chute of golden ore is in the reef, on the reef walls, and in the floor of the drive, and the width of the reef is well maintained, with indications that it will widen on the floor. Three months' exemption from labour conditions has been granted to the Desirable Company, to enable the directors to receive tenders for cyanide and rock drills, the plants to cost about £4000. The warden has reserved the power to cancel the registration if tenders be not accepted within a reasonable time. At the Princess Royal the missing portion of the pump has been received for clearing the shaft of water, and development work will proceed immediately the shaft is clear. There is nothing further respecting the Three Colonies' supposed reef development. A battery of three stamps for proving the property has been started in the Queensland Norseman, and crushing will proceed forthwith. Benson's mine will clean up next week. The new reef is developing well. Considerable interest is being manifested in the offers to construct the Esperance railway.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

BATHURST, Tuesday.

A terrible accident occurred last evening at Brewongle. Two sisters named Robertson were driving home from Bathurst, and were crossing over the bridge the other side of the Brewongle railway station, when the horse bolted and went at a furious pace down hill towards Mr. Robertson's house. It was pitch dark, and it was impossible to see a dozen yards ahead. Without warning of any kind the vehicle was dashed against the end of a stone house with fearful violence, and the occupants were thrown out. Whether both struck the wall or were landed head first among the blue metal is not known, but when picked up the young ladies were found to be dreadfully injured. Both were insensible. The eldest, 20, had a fracture of the skull, extending across the forehead and over the left side of the head. The cheekbone and the jaws were broken and the nose was completely smashed in. The younger girl, 19, had a cut exposing the skull from the side of the head round to the right ear, seven stitches in extent. Dr. Edmund attended, and ordered their removal to the hospital, where he and Dr. W. P. Bassett treated them. Both are now conscious. The recovery of the eldest is very doubtful, but her sister may pull through.

The first meeting of the Articled Clerks' Association held this year took place last Friday evening, at the rooms of the Incorporated Law Institute of New South Wales. Mr. Schrader occupied the chair. The subject of discussion for the evening was an impromptu debate on the question of the amalgamation of the professions. The following gentlemen took part, namely:—Messrs. J. W. Maud, W. Dash, R. A. M. King, John Hughes, S. Freeman, T. Hughes, and W. Schrader. The question was by a large majority decided in the negative.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.

EQUALITY OF INTER-STATE TRADE.

PREFERENTIAL VERSUS DIFFERENTIAL RAILWAY RATES.

FEDERALISATION OF THE RAILWAYS.

TRADE TO FOLLOW ITS NATURAL CHANNELS.

STATES TO CONTROL THEIR RAILWAYS UNFETTERED.

LONG AND EXHAUSTIVE DEBATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The railway question threatened to-day to be almost as perplexing to the Federal delegates as was the matter of finance. This, perhaps, is a mild way of putting the case. There are several financial experts in the Convention, but one looks around in vain for a competent railway authority. The position of affairs, too, was not improved by the fact that most of the members present thoroughly believe they are experts on the subject. Accordingly, hour after hour was spent to-day in members explaining to each other the difference between differential and preferential rates. At the finish of most of the addresses members were about as wise as they were at the commencement of the same. The 95th clause was under discussion. The object of this clause is to provide for equality of trade. There is, in fact, to be no derogation from freedom of trade so far as the States are concerned. Mr. Higgins desired the passing of an amendment declaring that any regulation passed by any of the States with the view of attracting trade to the ports of one State as against the ports of another should be null and void. This, of course, raised the general question of the management of the railways, and incidentally also that of the jurisdiction of the proposed inter-State commission. The views expressed by the different members on the subject were very conflicting. Mr. Reid made a speech which commanded a good deal of attention. His contention was that there must either be complete federation of the railways as regards both revenue and debts, or else their sole management must be left to the States. He insisted over and over again that we could not have the power of finding the money to manage the railways left in the hands of the States and that of the control of the lines vested in the federation. This seemed to many others an auto-federal way of looking at things, and there was a good deal of murmuring. Mr. Howe was even bold enough to interpret that the federal spirit was dying out, and in this view of the case he was to some extent supported by Mr. Gordon. After an exhaustive discussion, during which the delegates from all the colonies spoke at length, Mr. Barton summed up the debate. As the result of a division Mr. Higgins's amendment was negatived by 24 to 18 votes. The atmosphere having thus been cleared, Mr. Barton came forward with a proposition that the Commonwealth should not give preference by any law or regulation to one State over another, his object being to preserve freedom of intercourse between the States. This amendment, he desired, should take the place of clause 95, and it would operate in conjunction with the trade and commerce section of the bill.

Several amendments were negatived and ultimately the debate was adjourned to the following day.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONVENTION.

The President took the chair at 10.30.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Sir JOSEPH ABBOTT gave notice of motion asking for a return relating to the number of appeals to the Privy Council.

The motion was agreed to.

PREFERENTIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL RAILWAY RATES.

The Convention resolved itself into committee for the purpose of considering clause 95, which provided that there should be no derogation from freedom of trade. The clause ran as follows:—"Preference shall not be given by any law or regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one State over the ports of another State and any law or regulation made by the Commonwealth, or by any State, or by any authority constituted by the Commonwealth or by any State having the effect of derogating from freedom of trade or commerce between the different parts of the Commonwealth shall be null and void."

Mr. HIGGINS proposed, as an amendment, to insert in the last line after "Commonwealth" the words "or with the view of attracting trade to the ports of one State as against the ports of another." He explained that the amendment would make invalid preferential railway rates which in any way interfered with trade. He desired that an Inter-State Commission should have power to forbid any rate made with the sole object of attracting trade to a special port. It was a pure question of intention. The Commission should go into the matter like a jury, and inquire into the bona-fide character of any rate.

Mr. DOBSON: Would you prefer that such a matter should be dealt with by an Inter-State Commission rather than by the Federal Court of Appeal?

Mr. HIGGINS did not desire to refer to the Federal Court anything in the nature of a policy. Such a matter would be better settled by commissioners. He contended that in railway matters New South Wales was acting towards Queensland in a similar manner to that in which Victoria was acting towards New South Wales. He desired under federation to stop all these practices, and to put an end to ruinous competition between the colonies. The railway rates must work for the benefit of the federal community as a whole, without regard to whether people lived on one side of a boundary or the other side. The railways should be worked for the development of Australia as a whole, and not for any one portion of it only.

Mr. M'MILLAN: You must have graduated in a freetrade school. (Laughter.)

Mr. GRANT contended that there was no chance of settling the question of differential and preferential rates in the Convention. They had previously had a long discussion over the question, to little or no purpose. They should leave the whole management of the railways to an Inter-State Commission.

MR. WISE OPPOSES COMMONWEALTH INTERFERENCE.

Mr. WISE remarked that like Mr. Higgins he had from the first contended for the taking over of the railways by the Commonwealth but he accepted the defeat on that question as a direction that it was impossible to reopen the subject. The object sought to be obtained by Mr. Higgins was to make the management of the railways of the different colonies as nearly as possible like that which would prevail if the railways were federated. Whilst he sympathised with that object he very much doubted whether it would be achieved by the amendment. He had since the Adelaide Convention come to the conclusion that the suggested Inter-State Railway Commission would be utterly ineffective, hence he would oppose the creation of such a body. The American Inter-State Commission failed because of the inherent circumstances of its constitution. It exercised no authority, and had no real power to enforce its decisions. If such failure occurred in the case of the private railway companies of the United States a similar failure was certain to attend an Inter-State Commission dealing with the railways of the Sovereign States. He did not consider it was correct to say that a war of rates was as bad as a war of tariffs. They could have great advantages under the Inter-State commerce clauses, and yet the war of rates might be continued. He admitted that greater advantages would follow if the war of rates could also be abolished. (Hear, hear.) He had reluctantly come to the conclusion that there was no middle course between keeping things as they were and taking the railways over. It was a humiliating confession because it was an admission that the federal sentiment of the people was not sufficiently developed to see the advantage of managing the railways federally. As the commerce clauses now stood they placed New South Wales at an enormous advantage, and he would not be a party to framing a bill which would make preferential rates in Victoria illegal, but allowed New South Wales to keep up her differential rates on the plea that they were necessary for developmental purposes, because they would shut out Victorian produce from New South Wales territory.

Mr. HIGGINS: Are you in favour of reviving the system of railway warfare between the States?

Mr. WISE: No, but he could see nothing else for it. He believed that any proposal to get rid of that warfare would give rise to far greater difficulties which would be likely to menace the existence of the union. He, therefore, intended proposing a new clause to read:—"Nothing in this Act shall be taken to limit the powers of the several States in respect of control and management of the Government railways of the States respectively." That would make it clear that the trading clauses gave the Federal Parliament no power to interfere with the States in the management of the railways.

Mr. GORDON: That would keep the flame of railway warfare alive.

Mr. WISE: Yes.

Mr. GORDON: And yet you say you don't like that warfare.

Mr. WISE: Yes, but he was only attempting to provide that there should be no power in the constitution to get rid of one class of rates whilst preserving another class. His reason for insisting on this was that he believed that in five years' time the practical necessities of the case would force the railways to be taken over by the Commonwealth. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. ISAACS said he wanted it to be clearly laid down that prohibition against intercolonial freedom of trade and commerce would not include prohibition against preferential rates.

MR. REID PUTS THE MATTER CLEARLY.

Mr. REID observed that it would be impossible to frame words securing to a railway system power to impose differential rates for developmental purposes, as well as differential rates for the purpose of attracting traffic from another colony. Unless the railways were federalised they remained a business concern, which each State had to run upon business lines. If they were federalised they could go to the extreme length of abolishing the rates that seemed to attract traffic. That might make particular railways losing concerns, but that would not matter, as the burden would fall on the right shoulders; but so long as the railways were managed by each State they must not hamper their administration, except in a very slight degree. He was quite prepared to insert words which would prevent the rates being run up unduly. So long as the railways were left in the hands of the States, the States must be left free to develop their returns by every sort of business contrivance they thought necessary for the purpose.

Mr. HIGGINS: A cut-throat policy.

Mr. REID said the people of Riverina had not suffered by the competition of trade in Riverina. He believed that railway competition there was competition for trade. The experience of the United States was that nearly all the decisions of the inter-State commission were taken to the law courts; he would rather have an appeal direct to the Federal Court. If they could avoid the necessity of appointing three highly paid railway officials as Commissioners they should do so. He agreed that there should be power in the Commonwealth to prevent the imposition of exorbitant rates. He would ask that each colony should be left free to run its railways on its own lines. He claimed this right for New South Wales, and therefore conceded it to any other colony. He suggested that there should be added to the clause the words,—"Providing that the section should not apply upon any ground that the traffic rates were unduly low." He proposed this because he believed that they could not federalise railways unless they also federalised the debts. They could not have the power of finding the money in one set of hands and the power of managing the railways in another set of hands.

IS FEDERATION DYING OUT?

Mr. GORDON said there would be nothing of federation left by the time the Convention had finished. They had agreed to a bookkeeper's system which was anti-federal, and had allowed Western Australia to retain its customs duties. Now they were suggesting that each colony should run its railways in competition against those of other colonies.

Mr. HOWE: The federal spirit is dying out. (Oh, oh.)

Mr. GORDON contended that they had better federalise the whole of the railways than jeopardise federation. He could not understand Mr. Reid advocating cut-throat railway rates. The New South Wales railway authorities had pronounced against them. Mr. Reid defended a matter which all the authorities who knew anything about the subject had condemned.

Mr. REID: I only speak as an independent man.

Mr. GORDON said the anti-federal spirit would be engendered and encouraged by conflicting railway policies. They were making a constitution for all time and must provide against all possibilities.

Mr. FRASER agreed with Mr. Reid. He failed to see how a Commission could control railway rates unless they also controlled railway revenue.

FEDERALISING THE RAILWAYS.

Mr. LYNE said he took it that the desire of Victoria to appoint an inter-State Commission was in the main to enable her to hold the trade of Southern Riverina. The extension of the railway system of New South Wales and the rearrangement of her traffic rates had attracted to Sydney a considerable portion of the traffic that formerly went to Victoria. He could not conceive how it was possible to take out of the hands of the State running her own railways the power of regulating her own railway rates. (Hear, hear.) The only way of getting over that difficulty was to federate the railways and to hand the public debts of the different colonies over to the Commonwealth. He agreed that preferential rates on New South Wales railways approaching the borders of South Australia and of Queensland were undesirable, as they carried out a cut-throat policy. He would be in favour of their abolition, but at the same time Victoria should not be allowed to continue her preferential rates to Riverina production.

Sir GEORGE TURNER: We want the trade to go to its natural port.

Mr. LYNE: You want a good deal more trade to reach the port of Melbourne.

Sir GEORGE TURNER: You want to take the Riverina trade away from its natural port by taking it to Sydney.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he approved of the proposal to give federal control over the railways, so as to prevent in the future that competition which had occurred in the past. In doing away with customs houses on the borders so as to secure freedom of commerce they should be careful not to leave behind something that would provoke strife equally as keen as that caused by border duties. The railway competition between Victoria and New South Wales for the carriage of the wool of the latter colony simply took away from the railway earnings of both colonies. He had made a great point in each Convention that the Commonwealth should take over the railways. He maintained that the traffic should flow along its natural channel. That meant that the Riverina traffic would go to Victoria, but it would also mean that hundreds of miles of New South Wales railways would be ruined. The only way to compensate New South Wales for this loss was to hand all the railways over to the Commonwealth. He would vote for the clause, and would prefer that they should retrace their steps and federalise the railways.

Mr. WALKER said as one who had advocated federalisation of the railways and consolidation of the public debts he would vote for the clause as proposed to be modified by Mr. Barton on the previous day, and he also supported the appointment of an inter-State Commission.

Mr. O'CONNOR said he had altered his views since the Adelaide meeting. He held that they should follow the advice given them that all disputes between the States as regarded railway rates should be settled by arbitration. The only way out of the difficulty was to leave each railway system exactly the same power over trade and commerce as it had given by the first sub-section of clause 52. They should abstain from putting any directions in the constitution as to rates which would in any way affect the competition between the railway systems of the different colonies. The great thing they had to aim at so far as the constitution was concerned was to make trade between the colonies absolutely free. He contended that under power to facilitate trade and commerce there would be full power to appoint an inter-State commission. The regulations could be framed at some time later on. First the trunk lines and then other portions of the railways could be handed over to federal control.

NECESSITY OF PREFERENTIAL RATES.

Mr. HOLDER said the Convention had apparently come to the conclusion that preferential rates were a necessary evil. He was afraid that the Convention was trickling away the benefits to be derived from the federal constitution. The constitution when formed would give them nothing but the husks; all the grain would be gone. He quoted at length from evidence given by Mr. Eddy, late Chief Commissioner of Railways for New South Wales, who condemned the imposition of preferential rates by New South Wales, especially on the Bourke and Cootamundra lines. He admitted he had been driven by that day's debate to believe more in a complete federalisation of the railways than ever before. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SYMON: That is the real solution of the difficulty. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. HOLDER said he had not been driven quite that far, but he thought it would be possible for the Convention to agree to a form of words which would bring about what was desired. There were 29 lawyers in that Convention, surely they could come to an agreement. (Laughter.)

Mr. REID: It is an open secret that the railway authorities if left to themselves could come to an agreement at once. It is the commercial people behind who prevent them.

Mr. ISAACS: Abolish all railway discounts and the rivers would get all traffic.

Mr. REID: That is what he wants.

Mr. BARTON remarked that he would vote against Mr. Higgins's amendment, because he thought the purpose they had in view would be met by the modification of his (Mr. Barton's) amendment, so as to confine it to prohibition against the Commonwealth misusing the trade and commerce clause in such a way as would give an improper preference.

Mr. ISAACS: Leaving the States free to work their railways?

Mr. BARTON: Yes, subject to the ordinary operations of the trade and commerce provisions of the Constitution, which provide that there shall be no derogation from freedom of commerce.

Mr. Higgins having replied at length to the criticisms upon his amendment, the committee divided on Mr. Higgins's amendment, which was rejected by 24 to 18 votes.

The following is the division list:—

Ayes.—Sir E. Braddon, Carruthers, Dr. Cockburn, Deakin, Sir J. Downer, Dobson, Glynn, Grant, Gordon, Higgins, Holder, Howe, Kingston, Lewis, Dr. Quick, Solomon, Symon, Walker.

Noes.—Sir J. P. Abott, Barton, Brown, Brunker, Clark, Crowder, Douglas, Sir John Forrest, Fraser, Hackett, Hassall, Henry, Isaacs, Leake, Lee Steere, Lyne, M'Millan, O'Connor, Peacock, Reid, Sir G. Turner, Venn, Wise, Sir W. Zeal.

Mr. BARTON said he was perfectly satisfied that the trade and commerce provisions of the Constitution were sufficient; but, in order to prevent the Commonwealth disturbing the equality of trade by giving a preference to one State over another, he moved the following new clause:—"The Commonwealth shall not give preference by any law or regulation of commerce or revenue to one State, or any part thereof, over another State or any part thereof."

EVENING SITTING.

The Convention having adjourned at 5 reassembled at 7.30. The question before the Chair was the acceptance of Mr. Barton's amendment in lieu of clause 95.

Mr. GORDON contended that the clauses of these colonies and America were not analogous. In America the railways were owned privately. Here they were owned by the States. Dealing with the subject generally, he expressed himself in favour of an inter-State commission.

Mr. BARTON said he did not believe that the alteration of the forms of the words as proposed by Sir John Downer would alter the meaning of the clause.

Sir G. TURNER: Your words would not have the same meaning in the eyes of the public.

Mr. BARTON: If the Convention prefers Sir John Downer's language I will leave it in the hands of the delegates.

The motion that clause 95 stand part of the bill was negatived, and the clause was struck out.

Mr. BARTON then moved his new clause as follows:—"The Commonwealth shall not give preference by any law or regulation of commerce or revenue to one State or any part thereof over another State or any part thereof."

Sir JOHN DOWNER: I move that the words "The Commonwealth shall not give preference" be

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struck out, and the words "Preference shall not be given" be inserted.

FIGHT FOR THE RIVERINA TRADE.

Mr. ISAACS: That simply means that Victoria will lose the whole of the Riverina trade.

Sir G. TURNER: If we cannot give preferential rates to get the Riverina trade we will lose it, whilst New South Wales would be able to make any rates, because Riverina is in her boundaries.

Mr. LYNE: You are showing your hand.

Sir G. TURNER: I have shown it from the start.

Mr. PEACOCK: And it is a pity others did not show their hands just as clearly.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said the Riverina railways would be ruined if the proposed amendment were not carried. He would vote for the amendment as it would restrict the right of Victoria or any other State attempting to attract trade from another colony. The only true solution of the difficulty was to federalise the railways.

Mr. REID said his colleague was absolutely mistaken in his statement that the Riverina railways would be ruined if Mr. Barton's clause were agreed to. Unless New South Wales was allowed to apply differential rates to the Riverina railways the other railways in that colony would be absolutely crippled. He spoke on the authority of the responsible officers of the New South Wales Government.

After further discussion Sir John Downer's amendment was negatived on the voices.

Mr. HIGGINS moved a modification of the amendment he proposed in the morning. His object, he said, was not only to prevent preferential rates, but also to prevent unfair differential rates. He moved as follows:—"Neither the Commonwealth nor any State, nor any other constituted by the Commonwealth of any State, shall make any law or regulation relating to railway rates with the view of attracting trade to the ports of any one State against the port of any other."

Sir G. TURNER suggested that the Drafting Committee might draw up something which would meet the case.

Mr. BARTON: The Drafting Committee cannot interfere with a question of policy.

Sir G. TURNER: Then I shall have to draft it myself. (Hear, hear.) He was prepared to leave the whole matter to the Federal Parliament to deal with the matter.

Mr. BARTON characterised Mr. Higgins's amendment as an ingenious attempt to bring again before the Convention what was decided early this morning. The amendment would practically prevent the making of any railway rates. (Hear, hear.)

Sir JOHN FORREST said the matter seemed to be a pitched battle between New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. He agreed with Sir G. Turner that the matter should be left untettered to the Federal Parliament to step in whenever a State desired to monopolise trade to the disadvantage of its neighbours.

Mr. BARTON: That is really power given under the clause dealing with trade and commerce.

Mr. REID suggested that the members would think the matter over until the morning.

Progress was then reported.

ATTENDANCE OF MR. BRUNKER.

Mr. BRUNKER returned thanks to the Convention for the leave of absence which had been accorded to him under painful circumstances. (Hear, hear.)

THE SITTING OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. BARTON, in reply to Sir G. Turner, said that he did not think the bill would be completed for drafting purposes before the end of next week, and after that several matters would remain over for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 10.10 p.m. the Convention rose until the following day.

DEPARTURE OF MR. KELSO KING.

A large gathering of insurance managers was held at the rooms of the Fire Underwriters' Association, the Exchange, Bridge-street, yesterday afternoon, to wish "bon voyage" to Mr. Kelso King, manager of the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company, who is leaving Sydney on a visit to England. The health of the guest was proposed by Mr. M. W. S. Clarke, chairman of the Fire Underwriters' Association, and was supported by Messrs. W. C. Goddard, J. St. Vincent Welch, and C. J. Royle, all of whom bore testimony to the high esteem and respect in which Mr. King was held by the insurance managers in Sydney. The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. King responded in happy terms. The health of the chairman of the association was also proposed, and was acknowledged by Mr. Clarke.

The company present included Mr. E. S. Chapman (Aachen and Munich Insurance Company, and Netherlands India Insurance Company), Mr. J. M. Macadam (Atlas Assurance Company), Mr. F. G. Horsey (Australian Alliance Assurance Company), Mr. W. Church (Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society), Mr. W. C. Goddard (Batavia Insurance Company and Norwich Union Insurance Society), Mr. Robert Kerr (City Mutual Fire Insurance Company), Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch (Commercial Union Assurance Company), Mr. S. C. Sadler (Cornwall Insurance Company), Mr. W. H. Jackson (Derwent and Tamar Assurance Company), Mr. H. Nacken (Indemnity Insurance Company), Messrs. R. J. King and G. C. King (Lancashire Insurance Company), Mr. W. H. Rowsell (Lion Insurance Company), Mr. M. S. Clarke (Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company), Mr. R. Kerr (London and Lancashire Insurance Company), Mr. H. L. Harrison (Magdeburg Insurance Company), Mr. W. A. Gibb (National Insurance Company of New Zealand), Mr. S. Hague Smith (New Zealand Insurance Company), Mr. G. S. Arthur (North British Insurance Company), Mr. C. Danvers (North Queensland Insurance Company), Mr. W. G. Gates (Northern Assurance Company), Mr. W. D. Loughlin (Palatine Insurance Company), Mr. S. R. Trail (Phœnix Fire Office), Mr. F. H. Burbury (Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation), Mr. H. C. Hirst (South British Insurance Company), Mr. C. J. Royle (Standard Insurance Company), Mr. G. B. Boucher (Sun Insurance Office), Mr. T. M. Tinley (United Insurance Company), Mr. S. D. Burroughs (United Australian Mutual Insurance Company), Mr. F. J. Jackson (Victoria Insurance Company), Mr. J. E. Woodthorpe (Fire Underwriters' Association).

PRIMITIVE METHODIST ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY.

The sessions of the Primitive Methodist Assembly were preceded yesterday morning by a communion service in the Annandale Church, Johnstone-street, at which there was a large attendance of delegates. The service was conducted by the Rev. George James. The Rev. S. Gilby, president of the conference, delivered the exhortation.

After the service the business sessions were resumed under the presidency of the Rev. S. Gilby.

The probationer's examiner's report showed that the Rev. R. J. Thomas, who is a second-year probationer, had passed his third-year examination, having gained the following marks:—(1) Holy Scriptures, "Job," maximum marks 15, marks gained 14; (2) Holy Scriptures, 2 Cor., maximum marks 15, marks gained 12; (3) Theology, "The Atonement" (Dr. Dale), maximum marks 20, marks gained 20; (4) Ecclesiastical History (English Reformation), maximum marks 15, marks gained 13; (5) Laws of Discursive Thought (M'Cosh), maximum marks 20, marks gained 18; (6) English History (Green), maximum marks 15, marks gained 10. Total: Maximum marks, 100; marks gained, 87.

The examination being satisfactory, Mr. Thomas was advanced a year in his probation.

In the afternoon a harbour picnic was held, the steamer The Bruce conveying upwards of 250 excursionists from Johnstone-street, Annandale, and Circular Quay, thence to Middle Harbour. The party landed at Middle Head, where the fine grounds had been placed at the disposal of the party for a game of cricket. A match was played between 11 of the ministers and 11 of the laymen, the ministers winning a good game by six wickets.

On the resumption of business the stationing of ministers was dealt with at considerable length. The following is the first draft of stations:—Sydney First Circuit: Albion-street, Rev. J. W. Holden and Rev. E. Masterman. Sydney Second Circuit: St. Peters, Rev. P. S. Young. Sydney Third Circuit: Forest Lodge and Leichhardt, Rev. J. E. Metcalfe and Rev. Charles Waters. Sydney Fourth Circuit: Dulwich Hill, Rev. W. Atkinson and Rev. George James. Sydney Fifth Circuit: Annandale, Rev. M. Beavley. Sydney Sixth Circuit: Balmain, Rev. James Green. Goulburn Circuit: Rev. Elias Crozier. Newcastle First Circuit: Rev. J. W. Loadley. Newcastle Second Circuit (Wickham): Rev. T. Parr, M.A. Wallsend Circuit: Rev. Stephen Kessell. Lithgow Circuit: Rev. W. Pettinger. Wollongong Circuit: One to be obtained. Burwood Circuit: Rev. J. Balfour Penman. Bowral Circuit: Rev. L. Hurd. Parramatta Circuit: Rev. J. Penman. Macleay River Circuit: Rev. R. Mowbray. Camden Circuit: Mr. W. A. Wilson. Morpeth Circuit: Rev. T. F. Rudd. Mudgee Circuit: Rev. T. Davies. Crookwell Circuit: Rev. Samuel Gilby. Granville Circuit: One to be obtained. Greta Circuit: One to be obtained. Penrith Circuit: One to be obtained. Charlestown Circuit: Rev. R. J. Thomas. Kingston Circuit: One to be obtained. Waterloo and Glebe Circuit: Mr. T. J. Massingham.

The second reading of the list of stations then took place. Several changes were noted. The Rev. T. Davies was appointed to the Wollongong station, and the Rev. J. H. Horberry was entered for Mudgee. The Rev. B. Kenny was put down for the Granville station.

A large amount of other business was dealt with. The sessions of the Assembly will be resumed this morning at half-past 9 o'clock in the Annandale Church.

HOLY TRINITY, DULWICH HILL.

The Rev. E. A. Colvin, of Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, has addressed a letter to his parishioners informing them that the Archbishop's commissary has granted him leave of absence from his parish for nine months to enable him to visit England. At a recent meeting of the churchwardens their kind approval was also given. The Rev. Canon Young, of the Bathurst diocese, is to act as Mr. Colvin's locum tenens. Canon Young fills several important posts in connection with his diocese.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

THE FLOODS IN THE NORTH.

MURWILLUMBAH, Tuesday.

The weather was showery throughout yesterday, and last night the river had risen to 14ft. by midnight, when it became stationary. It fell slowly all this morning. Kynnumboon Plain was 6ft. under water this morning. The lowlying parts of the town are still inundated. The coach with the Brisbane mail got in this morning. An immense amount of maize and grass has been destroyed. The weather is still showery. Three inches have been recorded since yesterday morning. All the lowlying land being already under water, a heavy downpour at the head of the river would quickly cause a big flood.

FLOOD AT LISMORE.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

Although heavy showers fall at intervals the weather has apparently broken. There has been a good lull to-day, and the water, after rising 28ft. 6in., some 6ft. below the level of the record flood, is slowly receding. A number of dwellings in the lower parts of the town were inundated, but the water did not enter any business places. The rainfall for the past three days exceeds 9in.

Whilst attempting to cross the flooded river at Gundarimba, near Lismore, in a small punt yesterday, the punt capsized, and a man named Michael Sullivan, a maintenance man, was drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.

ALBURY, Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Francis Curley, vigneron, a very old resident, died to-day.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The weather is again very tropical to-day, with dust blowing. The highest shade temperature was 106.

Mr. Richard Teece, general manager and actuary of the A. M. P. Society, accompanied by Mr. Benjamin Short, director, arrived by this morning's express, and left for Sydney again this evening. After inspecting the new premises lately purchased in Argent-street, Mr. Walter Leak, the district secretary, drove them to Stephen's Creek Reservoir.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Wilcannia, in a Lenten pastoral read on Sunday, adverts to the progress made since the formation of the diocese 10 years ago. He shows that in 1887 there were eight priests in seven missions, although only one of these priests remain, while there were in 1897 14 priests in 11 missions. In 1887 there were 23 sisters in five religious communities, and 608 children enrolled in Roman Catholic schools. In 1897 there were 112 sisters in 12 communities, and 2554 were on the rolls. The Roman Catholic population of the diocese in 1887 was said to be about 8000, while a recent estimate was 15,000. During the decade five communities have been established, and five convents have been erected. Churches had been increased from 10 to 12. In 1887 the diocesan debt was nearly £9000. Since then there has been expended in buildings about £24,000, and the debt in December, 1897, was £7900.

BOWRAL, Tuesday.

At a special meeting of the School of Arts Committee last night a tender was accepted to enlarge the billiard-room by the addition of 4ft. to the width. Donations amounting to £13 have been made to the funds of the institution to assist in defraying the expenses.

Constable Wood has received word of his promotion from Bowral to St. Marys.

The weather is beautifully fine since the rain.

BOURKE, Tuesday.

Owing to the high state of the Darling River the local punt has stopped running. The work of constructing the wharf is also retarded.

The special cheap excursion train this morning was largely availed of, a number of residents going to the metropolis to view the fifth test match, in which a lot of interest is centred locally.

Mr. F. W. Rothwell was entertained by a large number of townspeople at the Empire Hotel last night. He left for Western Australia this morning.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Bourke District Band was held last night. The balance-sheet showed a deficit of £31. Special efforts will be made to make good the deficiency.

The weather is fine.

CAPTAIN'S FLAT, Tuesday.

The progress committee at its meeting passed a resolution that, having every confidence in the scheme for water supply about to be adopted by the Lake George Company, the committee respectfully suggests to the Minister for Mines, that the Department should amalgamate its proposed water supply for the town of Captain's Flat with that of the directors of the Lake George Mining Company.

CORAKI, Tuesday.

Rain fell in heavy squalls at intervals during last night and to-day with an easterly wind. It has now ceased. The river is up 15ft., and is rising slowly. An immense area of lowlying lands has been submerged. The flood is having a disastrous effect on the maize crop, and the continued wet and the floods are greatly damaging the dairying industry. The majority of dairymen on the lowlands have been compelled to-day to remove their herds to the high land, in most instances many miles. The milk supply is terribly affected.

The steamer Tomki to-day landed four splendid Ayrshire bulls consigned to the Commercial Banking Company for Bungawalbyn station.

CAMDEN, Tuesday.

Mr. Rufus White expired at his residence, Cawdor, on Sunday, aged 78. The funeral yesterday was largely attended. The deceased was connected with the district for 43 years.

Mr. Inspector Latimer, of Parramatta, in company with the Mayor, Alderman W. C. Furner, has distributed a quantity of blankets, bedding, and £75 in cash in the purchase of food and clothing to the persons who suffered loss from the late flood.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

The annual show in connection with the Dubbo Pastoral and Agricultural Association will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27. The committee have decided to omit the water jump from the Hunter's Prize of £35, and a special prize of £10 will be given for the water jump as a separate contest.

Mr. R. G. Dulhunty, inspector of stock, has issued the following stock returns for 1897:—Dubbo district: 11,687 horses, being a decrease of 1829; 24,608 cattle, a decrease of 2344; 1,579,873 sheep, a decrease of 302,657.

EXETER, Tuesday.

The crops are looking well after the rain.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

At the Theatre Royal to-night Mr. T. Temperley, as the representative of the New South Wales Sugar Defence League recently formed on the Richmond River, addressed a public meeting in advocacy of preserving the sugar industry by the retention of duties. He will address meetings in various centres throughout the district on the same subject.

The weather is unsettled. 275 points of rain fell since yesterday morning. The river rose 21ft. at Tabulam, and is still rising slowly. A rise of 6ft. is reported at Copmanhurst.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

At a special meeting of the council held last night it was decided to obtain from Mr. Selfe an estimate of the working expenses of an electric light plant.

GRENFELL, Tuesday.

The Public Works Committee arrived here this afternoon, and will commence taking evidence on the proposed Koorawatha-Grenfell railway to-morrow.

HAY, Tuesday.

Mr. L. Whitehead, for the past nine years manager of the Bank of New South Wales, was presented with an address and purse of sovereigns last night on the occasion of his removal to Warrnambool.

INVERELL, Tuesday.

Special harvest thanksgiving services have been held in the Anglican churches throughout the district.

A sale of Crown lands was held at the land office this morning. Only one lot found a buyer, the area being 29 acres, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

The annual general meeting of members of the Kiama Agricultural Association was held in the council-chambers this afternoon, Mr. John James (president) being in the chair. A satisfactory report of the year's proceedings was presented and adopted. The balance-sheet, which was also submitted and adopted, shows that the total income for the year amounted to £597, and the expenditure to £642. In moving the adoption of the balance-sheet the president said the income would have met the expenditure only for the loss sustained through the first day of the show being so unpropitious. Mr Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., and Mr. David L. Dymock, speaking in support of the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, congratulated the committee on the excellent work accomplished during the past year. On the motion of Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., seconded by Mr. George Somerville, J.P., a vote of thanks was accorded to the president and the committee.

MOSS VALE, Tuesday.

The annual thanksgiving services, tea meeting, and entertainment in connection with the Church of England, Marulan, were held this evening.

The committee of the Berrima District Agricultural and Industrial Society met on Saturday last to arrange the necessary matters of detail in connection with the agricultural show, to be held on March 10, 11, and 12. The work of removing the fences in order to take up more ground is to be pushed on at once. The show promises to be one of the most successful ever held at Moss Vale. His Excellency the Governor has sent a contribution to be distributed for special prizes at the discretion of the committee.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Tuesday.

The Rev. C. A. White, B.A., of Windsor, held a Presbyterian service here on Sunday evening in the Mount Victoria Hall. It was well attended.

NARRABRI, Tuesday.

The Railway Commissioners intimate to the Namoi P. and A. H. Association that it has been decided to grant their request that a special cheap train be run from Murrurundi to Tamworth and intermediate stations about the dates of the next show in March.

At the election of the Narrabri Pastures and Stock Board on Saturday the following gentlemen were declared elected:—Sheep directors, Messrs. L. Brennan (Wee Waa), J. B. Brodie (Narrabri), A. Brown, E. H. Wall, W. A. Gordon.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (the Rev. Dr. Bruce) arrived here yesterday morning.

A telephone line from Moongulla to Collarenebri has been completed, and when the instruments arrive they will be fitted up.

Before the local police court to-day four young men named Alfred Arnold, James Keerin, Thomas Goldring, and Edward Gillon were charged with stealing 823lb of wool, the property of W. F. Buchanan, of Killarney Station. Two of the accused were defended and two were undefended. The case occupied the whole day, and the court was crowded. The number of witnesses called for the Crown was 15. The accused were committed to stand their trial at the coming Quarter Sessions to be held here on 28th instant.

A change in the weather took place to-day. Slight rain fell, with indications of more.

NOWRA, Tuesday.

The Nowra Council and the Shoalhaven Agricultural Society passed resolutions expressive of the appreciation of the services of the late Dr. Brereton, and ordering that letters of condolence be sent to the sisters of the deceased in Ireland.

This afternoon a bain and stables at Terara used by D. Hyam to house dairy stock, were totally destroyed by fire.

RICHMOND, Tuesday.

Mr. John Rogers, agriculturist, a candidate for election to Parliament in the interest of protection, addressed the electors from the balcony of the Royal Hotel on Saturday night. He favours legislation for the development of agriculture, federation, local government, the exclusion of aliens, and the abolition of the Land Tax Act. There was a fair attendance, and the speaker received a patient hearing.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

A great deal of interest is excited in military circles in regard to the radical alteration made in the Northern Rifle Associations programme for the next rifle meeting. The officers of the 4th Regiment are unanimously in favour of it, and they say large entries will be forthcoming from the troops in their command.

The annual picnic of the Newcastle Harbours and River employees was held on the showground yesterday. About 1000 people arrived by special trains, amongst their number being Mr. T. Boden, president of the association, and Messrs. Edden and Thomas, Ms.L.A. The outing was a most enjoyable one.

TAMWORTH, Tuesday.

The position of stipendary secretary, vacated by the resignation of Mr. R. S. Turner, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. P. J. Malley.

More showers of rain fell to-day, enhancing the probabilities of good winter feed.

TENTERFIELD, Tuesday.

The sale of privileges in connection with the forthcoming show realised £110, the largest sum obtained for 13 years.

The infant child of M. Flynn, a farmer, residing 10 miles from here, was burned to death yesterday through falling into the fire.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall last night for the purpose of considering the advisability of taking steps to secure the establishment of a properly equipped lifeboat for the south coast. The Mayor of Wollongong presided, and the speakers included Major M'Cabe, Rev. F. B. Elder, Aldermen Wiseman and Beatson, Mr. J. Hart, and Mr. M. O'Brien, all of whom contended that a lifeboat was very necessary, and that strong reasons could be laid before the Government why such should be provided. The meeting unanimously affirmed the necessity for stationing a lifeboat on this part of the coast, and it was resolved that Mr. Archibald Campbell and Mr. J. Nicholson, Ms.L.A. for Illawarra and Woronora respectively, together with the other south coast representatives, interview the Minister and request him to provide a lifeboat and the necessary accommodation for the same at Wollongong.

Official statistics give the total output of coal for the southern district during the year 1897 as 918,862 tons. The total output for 1896 was 1,008,376 tons, so that last year's figures show a decrease of 89,514 tons as compared with the record for 1896.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., has received a letter from Spain which is evidently the handiwork of the agent of the notorious Spanish swindle which has been exposed in the press. The document is signed Alfredo Diaz, and is exactly similar to many already published.

WAGGA WAGGA, Tuesday.

It is expected that the following areas of land will be thrown open for selection in this district before June next:—For Homestead selection: On Brookong holding, 1924 acres; on Pomingalarna, 3906 acres; on Pullitop, 5305 acres; on Ganmain, 30,169 acres; on Houlaghan's Creek, 10,750 acres; on Wagingoberembly, 5461 acres; on Gillenbah, 3790 acres; on Kooba, 10,551 acres. For improvement lease: On Pullitop and O'Brien's Creek, 5092 acres. For special lease: On Pullitop, 10,688 acres; on Humula and Oberne, 17,000 acres.

WALGETT, Tuesday.

The local land board concluded its sittings to-day. No business of special importance was done.

The land board sittings were commenced yesterday. Mr. C. J. M'Master is chairman, and Messrs. A. S. Barton and W. G. Ferris are members. Several applications were disposed of, but nothing of public importance transpired.

WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

The Grenfell Railway League is urging Wyalong to advocate the Koorawatha route in preference to the Temora route.

The hospital committee held its first meeting last evening. Mr. J. W. Broughton was elected president, and Dr. Grieves medical officer of the institution.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The Works Department have issued instructions to their officers to improve all the roads leading to the railway stations in the Wellington district.

News has been received that the Government does not favour the granting of the site for a School of Arts while the present Free Public Library is in existence.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ALBANI CONCERTS.

The great musical event of the year, the debut of Mme. Albani in Australia, will take place at the Town Hall this evening. His Excellency the Governor and suite, his Excellency Admiral Pearson, Major-General French (Commandant), and the Mayor of Sydney and Mrs. M. Harris (Mayoress) will be present on the occasion. As already noted, the great soprano will sing, "Ah, Fors e lui," the valse air from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," "With Verdure Clad" (from Haydn's "Creation"), and "Robin Adair." Mr. Orlando Harley will make his rentree after an absence of several years, and first appearances will be made by Miss Sarah Berry, Miss Norah Clench, Mr. William Paull, and Signor Seppilli. The previous career of these artists justifies the belief that Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove have formed a very strong party to support the star. It is notified that the plan at Paling's will close at 4 o'clock to-day. The doors of the Town Hall will open at 7 o'clock.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

This afternoon there will be a matinee of "The French Maid," which continues to draw large audiences at Her Majesty's Theatre. The vivacious musical comedy is running so well that it may last out the season, which closes so as to allow of Mr. Wilson Barrett's appearance in "The Manxman" on Saturday, March 5.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Crowded houses have followed the introduction of the new nautical drama, "Nancy and Her Sailor," at the Lyceum Theatre, where no change will be needed for some time to come.

OPERA HOUSE.

"Shamus O'Brien" is running successfully at the Opera House, with Mr. C. R. Stanford in the name part. Carefully staged and brightly played by Messrs. Stanford and Barnes's Company, "Shamus O'Brien" is likely to remain in the bills for some time to come.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

At the Tivoli Theatre Mr. Philip Newbury's fine singing of "L'Estudiantina" is one of the chief sources of attraction, and the sensational flights of the Hegelmanns close the entertainment with a brilliant star turn. Mr. Austin Rudd and other members of Mr. Rickards' company appear every evening.

MISS ELSIE LANDERS'S BENEFIT.

Miss Elsie Landers's benefit at the Theatre Royal to-morrow evening will be attended by the members of Mr. Stoddart's English Eleven, the committee having received a telegram to that effect yesterday. The Idlers' Club is receiving the support of leading artists, and a strong entertainment will be given.

'98 MEMORIAL FUND CONCERT.

In spite of the difficulty of bringing to a successful issue a musical event so closely preceding the Albani season, the '98 Memorial Fund concert at the Town Hall last night drew a great audience. The whole affair had been admirably organised by a general committee, of which Dr. Charles W. MacCarthy was chairman and Mr. John Sheehy hon. secretary, with an energetic ladies' committee headed by Mrs. C. E. R. Murray, with Miss Baxter as hon. secretary. Mr. J. A. Delany, the musical conductor, had got together a party of favourite ballad singers, with the result that very nearly every number on the programme was encored. Mrs. Piercy (Miss Augusta Dargon) contributed recitations, and the reappearance of this favourite actress after a long retirement was the occasion of tremendous enthusiasm. Mrs. Piercy recited "Fontenoy" in a splendidly declamatory manner. At the point where the Irish legion made their irresistible charge upon the English with the words "Revenge! Remember Limerick!" the audience burst into ringing cheers, which threatened to bring the dramatic story to a forcible conclusion before it was half told. However, the actress had yet to describe with gestures of horror the state of that bloody field, and this in turn made its impression upon the excited listeners. Mrs. Piercy added as encore "A Man's a Man For A' That," and later in the evening after reciting "Wolfe Tone's Grave," made another great success with "The Charge of the Light Brigade," which formed the encore number. Ingram's poem, "Who Fears to Speak of '98," was sung with well-judged emphasis by Mr. J. T. Donovan, who was in capital voice, with chorus by the boys from the Patrician Brothers' schools, Redfern. This proved another popular number, the sentiment appealing strongly to the crowds of Irishmen present. Dr. MacCarthy accompanied at the piano in this and several other numbers with tact; and much of the accompaniment was in the experienced hands of Mr. Delany. The choir of boys, all wearing green sashes and shamrock leaves, gave a tuneful rendering of "Let Erin Remember" (encored), which was sweetly sung, though the first voices should have been a trifle stronger. Mr. Percy Shannon was heartily encored for "The Irishman;" and Miss Victoria Young had to repeat the touching melody of "The Coulin." Miss Millie Wynn, as encore to "She is Far from the Land," added "The Harp that Once;" and Mrs. F. J. Riley, yielding to similar enthusiasm after "Savourneen Dheelish," added "Green Isles of Erin." Mr. Barns Walker sang "O'Donnell Aboo" with great spirit, and was encored with enthusiasm for "The Wearin' of the Green."

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Canterbury Park to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. In addition to the ordinary service to Canterbury special trains will leave the Redfern Station at 1.8 and 1.20 p.m.

The nomination of the racehorse Steward for the Doncaster Handicap did not reach the office of the A.J.C. until this morning, and could not therefore be accepted.

Weights for the races to be run at the A.J.C. March Meeting will be declared on Thursday morning.

The following race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Mogo Picnic, Cowra J.C., Rockley J.C., Craigie (Bombala) R.C., Castlereagh Amateur T.C. (Coolah), and Richmondvale (Moree).

W. Kelso and Mrs. Kelso will leave for England on Thursday. They will be able to witness the running of the Newmarket Handicap at Melbourne, and then on Tuesday embark on the China.

The aged Newminster gelding Newman has arrived at Brisbane and has been placed in the care of J. Blacklock.

Red Rose has been withdrawn from the Fourteen-one Handicap and Shop Boy from the Fifteen Hands Handicap, to be run at Kensington to-morrow.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Thursday, 3rd proximo, close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, at 5 p.m. on Friday next. The programme will be found in our advertising columns.

A new entrance and exit to the Kensington racecourse has been made for the convenience of pedestrians travelling along the Bunnerong-road and High-street, so that in future they will be able to be clear of the heavy vehicular traffic which passes along High-street. A gate has been placed at the corner of Bunnerong-road and High-street, and pedestrians proceed along a cinder footpath through the carriage paddock and at the rear of the Leger reserve, coming out at the ticket offices.

The inner grass track was opened at Randwick yesterday morning, and advantage of it was largely taken by trainers to give their charges useful work. Among those that did good work on the grass were Woodford, Amourette, Foliage, Gozetta, Swanhilda, Rifleite, Alceste, Savourneen, True Blue, The Trier, Charge, Insulator, Metford, War God, Raven's Plume, and Glendennon. On the tan Influenza ran six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds; and Betsy Prig pulled over Coombewood for a mile and a quarter, run in 2 minutes 24 seconds. Ristonpart sent three of his two-year-olds nice work over six furlongs, and Hempie ran over a similar distance smartly in 1 minute 23 seconds.

The two-year-old filly Olympus narrowly escaped an accident yesterday morning at Randwick. She had just finished a half-speed gallop, and was pulling up in front of Aquila, who was going at his top. By an effort the rider of Aquila avoided Olympus, but in doing so lost his seat, and was shaken a good deal by the fall.

There was no business to speak of transacted in the local market yesterday over the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap. A number of small wagers were, however, taken at the following prices:—3 to 1 v. Resolute, 4 to 1 v. Amiable, 14 to 1 each v. Strathroy, Loch Marie, and Precaution, 20 to 1 each v. Amberite and Spectator.

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for the leading events of the Newcastle March meeting—the Newcastle Cup of 100 sovs., 1½ mile, and City Handicap of 80 sovs., 1 mile—must be in the hands of the secretary, Mr. Robert Fleming, Newcastle, or Mr. T. S. Clibborn, at the office of the A.J.C., Sydney.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

FLEMINGTON.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A beautiful morning for training purposes was experienced to-day, and the tracks were in good order. Filgate began very early by sending Carlotus over five furlongs, which were covered in 1 minute 9 seconds. Goldfinder did strong work over a mile and a half. Strathroy just beat Loch Marie by a length at the end of a well-run six furlongs, which the winner negotiated in 1 minute 19½ seconds. There was not much difference in the performance of the pair, as the mare had the outside going and apparently the worst of the weight. Talavera and Ranjitsinhji went over half a mile in 52½ seconds. Precaution jumped off immediately after entering the gates, and ran six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds, hardly a winning gallop. Amiable (Fielder) and Wait-a-Bit (Unwin) had a go over the Newmarket distance. They jumped off from the top sheds, and the mare getting a break of about a length never gave the Ballarat horse a chance, and galloping in great style got over the distance in 1 minute 17½ seconds. She tired a bit in the last furlong, but considering she got over the five furlongs in 1 minute 3 seconds it was not to be wondered at. Spectator and Johansen went leisurely over six furlongs without making time. The Pirate King and the Undine, the former in front, galloped half a mile in 55 seconds. Cardamon and Heretic got over six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds, the latter showing great signs of improvement. Syeria seemed to beat Sailor Boy easily over six furlongs in 1 minute 21½ seconds. Mishap only did strong work. Cravat and El Norte galloped over a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 10 seconds. Chokebore, who is going well, galloped the last six furlongs of a mile in 1 minute 24 seconds. Ormuz and Auriferous covered five furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds. Mischief, single-handed, and going wide, did a first-class gallop over a mile and three quarters in 3 minutes 14½ seconds. Longford and Alemene did a fair mile in 1 minute 50 seconds. The Parisienne, Te Whiti, and The Bright Eyes did the Newmarket distance in 1 minute 20 seconds. The Parisienne finished well. Eridforde was running all over Interlude at the end of a mile, the last five furlongs of which were run in 1 minute 12 seconds. Cordite and Carrara galloped half a mile smartly in 53 seconds. Embrasure and Strathjoy, finishing together, got over six furlongs in 1 minute 19 seconds. Clatter took 1 minute 23 seconds over the same course. Contrast, going the long six, got home in 1 minute 18½ seconds. The Hypnotist and The Bohemian Girl got over the last seven furlongs of a mile in 1 minute 39 seconds. Resolute beat Miss Carbine, all round, over six furlongs in 1 minute 18½ seconds. He was ridden right out with the whip, and finished gamely. Sensation, after toiling in the rear all the road, got up in time to beat Cicero, Sparta, and Eulalie at the end of five furlongs, run in 1 minute 6½ seconds. Cocos always held Pelisser safe over a similar distance and time. The Scotchman, one of the recent arrivals, and Hear Hear ran a capital mile in 1 minute 48 seconds. Martini and Blue Vest did useful work on the tan. Cabin Boy—who was not extended, Aurum, and Excusive ran a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 15½ seconds. The colt seemed to go lazily, but the filly evidently went up to her very best. Amberite and Sortie got over a mile in 1 minute 48 seconds. Amiable went splendidly. Bloodstone galloped half a mile in 53 seconds. Stafta must have gone about nine furlongs, the middle six furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds. Viking and Vakeel ran a mile coupled in 1 minute 50½ seconds. Emong-na-Knuck seemed to go quickly over six furlongs. Ayrshire ran a splendid mile with Beau Brummel in 1 minute 47 seconds. Moonlyong went very nicely over the down six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds. She looks and goes well.

CAULFIELD.

Owing to the departure of a number of horses from here to Flemington last Saturday things were very quiet this morning. Batallion beat Catspaw by six lengths in a mile gallop, done in 1 minute 48 seconds. Orient negotiated six furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds. Lieutenant slipped over six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds. Canal and Australian finished together at the end of six furlongs, run in 1 minute 24¼ seconds, but they were not at their top. Boronia helped Trentham for six furlongs, when Marungi took her place, and brought him along over a mile and three-quarters in 3 minutes 16 seconds, the last mile taking 1 minute 53 seconds. Lux's mission was 9 furlongs, done in 2 minutes 12 seconds. Flint went at three-quarter pace. Bacchus went about 6 furlongs at an even-time gait. Melena's task was a half-pace gallop. Norway, well within himself, accounted for 4 furlongs in 55 seconds. Loch Leigh had no trouble in running a mile in 1 minute 55 seconds. Allegiance, Robin, and Austerlitz finished in that order over five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds. Voloca, without any exertion, did five furlongs in 1 minute 7 seconds. Ailsa Craig had Orpheline for a companion for a six-furlongs' spin, but the latter fell behind soon after the start, and Mr. Menzies' horse finished alone in 1 minute 17 4-5 seconds. He had his shoes off and was ridden out, while Orpheline had her shoes on. Eugene strode over seven furlongs in 1 minute 43½ seconds. Fortunio used the tan. He ran six furlongs yesterday in 1 minute 16 seconds with his shoes off, and he had Hughie to bring him home.

MELBOURNE SPORTING.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A loss of about £1000 was sustained over the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's Autumn Meeting. Considering the large amount given away in stakes—£5600 as against £2900 last year—the club, in the opinion of Mr. Moule, the secretary, was lucky getting out so lightly. A loss of about £20 was experienced over the meeting last year.

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The following scratchings were notified yesterday:—

St. Leger Stakes.—Wild Raven, Karnak, Sobieski.

All Engagements.—Water Nymph.

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB.

TAMWORTH, Tuesday.

The seventh annual meeting of the Tamworth Jockey Club was held last night, the vice-president (Mr. T. J. Treloar) in the chair. The report, which was highly satisfactory, showed that prize-money amounting to £755 had been distributed at last year's races and pigeon match. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £151 12s 7d. Improvements to the grand stand and course had been erected at a cost of £156. For two vacancies on the committee five nominations were received, and a ballot of the whole of the members will be taken. Mr. G. A. Morrison having resigned the treasurership Mr. F. Wyndham was elected, and Mr. C. Jeffries Britten was re-elected hon. secretary.

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

There was a moderate attendance at Rosebery Park yesterday, when the usual pony and galloway races were held. J. Downey, the rider of Little Alice in the Fourteen Hands Handicap, was suspended for three months. The following are the results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—J.T., 9st 10lb (L. Kuhn), 1; Bill Dean, 7st 5lb, 2; Benedick, 9st 8lb, 3. Only three started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Benedick, 3 to 1 v. Bill Dean. Won by a neck. Time, 51 seconds.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—Florence, 7st 8lb (Howard), 1; Little Alice, 8st 7lb, 2; Llama, 8st 5lb, 3. Six started. Betting: 5 to 4 on Florence, 3 to 1 v. Miss Tobin, 4 to 1 v. Llama, 6 to 1 each v. My Jane and Little Alice. Won by a neck. Time, 53½ seconds.

Fourteen-two Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—Nettie, 8st 2lb (Howard), 1; Esther, 8st 6lb, 2; Glenhaven, 6st, 3. Seven started. Betting: 5 to 4 on Esther, 2 to 1 v. Euclid, 4 to 1 v. Nettle, 7 to 1 v. Glenhaven. Won by a head. Time, 52 seconds.

Fourteen-one Welter Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—Farewell, 8st 3lb (Walker), 1; Betty, 7st 11lb, 2; Netta, 8st 10lb, 3. Seven started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Farewell, 6 to 4 v. Scottish Lady. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 53 seconds.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 6 furlongs 22 yards.—Petrel, 7st 2lb (Crockett), 1; Benedick, 8st 11lb, 2; J. T., 6st 11lb, 3. Five started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Shotover, 5 to 2 v. J. T., 5 to 1 v. Petrel, 5 to 1 v. Benedick. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1 minute 21½ seconds.

CANNING PARK RACES.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The Second February meeting of the Canning Park Racing Club was held on Saturday. There was a poor attendance owing to the counter attraction of the Platts-Betts Cycling Carnival. The results were:—

Totalisator Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Loch Isle (Torpey), 1; Florrie (Cox), 2; Black Boolka (Driscoll), 3. Won by three-parts of a length, with a neck between second and third. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds. Dividend for 10s, 26s.

Welter Handicap, 1 mile.—Common (M'Leor), 1; Willie (Cox), 2; Bijou (Short), 3. Won by half a neck. Time, 1 minute 47 4-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 6s.

Selling Race, 5 furlongs.—Tofa (Powell), 1; Nancy Lee (Kirk), 2; Blue Bell II. (Park), 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 4½ seconds. Dividend, £1 '8s.

Final Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Common (Driscoll), 1; Florrie (Cox), 2; New Woman (Kirk), 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 1 minute 31 seconds. Dividend, 13s.

Midget Handicap.—Agnes, 1.

Primrose Handicap.—Pluto, 1.

CYCLING.

ARRIVAL OF PACING TEAMS FROM MELBOURNE.

INTERVIEW WITH MANAGER WILLIAMS.

By the steamer Anglian, which arrived yesterday from Melbourne, there came 12 pacing men and a number of pacing "Ariel" multicycles, their purpose being the reduction of the records recently put up by Platt-Betts. We have never yet had so large a number of intercolonial racing men here, or so many pacing engines. The names of the men are—A. Brownie, Leo. Hesse, J. Farrell, H. Hourigan, W. March, E. Gerster, W. Lewis, J. Morrison, L. Congdon, H. Sheppard, and B. Wailly, and W. Williams (manager). The men who are to attack the records are W. Elliott, Don Walker (who arrived on Saturday), T. Relph (who arrived by train yesterday), J. Gargurevitch (who will arrive to-day), and Walne (who was so successful in Adelaide on Saturday, and who will arrive during the week). The machines they have brought with them are called the "Ariel" pacing engines, and comprise four quads, two triplets, one quint, these being in addition to what are already in Sydney. In addition to the pace-makers whose names are above given, 16 more men are to be engaged this week in Sydney. The magnitude of the undertaking will thus be seen.

Mr. Williams, the manager of the team, was seen by our cycling representative yesterday, and in answer to a question of what brought them to Sydney Mr. Williams said that the Austral Cycling Agency, which he represented, felt after the doings of Platt-Betts that the best opportunity should be given to the Australian cyclists of showing that they were capable of putting up as good times as the English champion.

"But this will cost a lot of money?"

"Just so; but our business is a cycling business, and the people of England seem to think that our men are not even second-rate riders—and I feel convinced before we are finished that they will think otherwise."

"It has been suggested that this affair has been got up by a Melbourne syndicate?"

"That is entirely incorrect. The whole of the expense is being borne by the Austral Cycle Agency, for no other purpose than that which I have mentioned. Of course we shall be pleased to get the records, and we are determined to try."

"Who are the principal men that you have?"

"Well, W. Elliott will go for the half to the one mile flying; Don Walker will go for the quarter, half, and one mile standing start; Relph will go for 10 to 25 miles; and Gargurevitch will go for the hour's record, and I think that nearly all these men will give the records recently put up a terrible shaking."

"How long are you going to stay here?"

"About five weeks. We may go into some of the inland towns, then to Brisbane, and possibly to Western Australia."

"What time during the day will you try for these records?—and when do you start?"

"The pacing teams will get into work at once, and so soon as they have got over their sea legs, and the men are ready, we shall start trying. The attempts will be made after 6 o'clock at night, that being more suitable to the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground."

LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN.

A subscription-list has been opened, and is in charge of Mr. R. E. Adrian, captain of the league, for the purpose of raising funds to pay the fine and expenses inflicted on W. Gahagan, a member of the league, who was convicted and fined £10, with £3 10s 1d costs, at the Water Police Court on Monday for knocking down a lady in William-street while riding his bicycle.

CRICKET.

ENTERTAINMENT TO THE S. A. CRICKETERS.

The members of the South Australian team of cricketers were entertained at Quong Tart's rooms last night. The eleven was represented by Messrs. Lyons, Jones, Jarvis, Reedman, M'Kenzie, W. Giffen, and Hugo, as well as by the manager of the team (Mr. J. Chittleborough), and the umpire (Mr. Downs). Messrs. Evers, Trumper, and Newell, and Umpire Bannerman were amongst the New South Wales representatives; and on behalf of the New South Wales Cricket Association there were present the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. O. Firth) and the secretary (Mr. P. K. Bowden). Messrs. Neild, Hawthorne, and Thomas, Ms.L.A., C. B. Morris (Mayor of Port Adelaide), F. S. Isaacs, and G. H. Smithers, S.M., were also amongst the guests. The toast list was a long one. After the loyal toasts and the Parliament Mr. Hawthorne proposed "The N.S.W. Cricket Association." He said the last match was won by first-class cricket, and the New South Walesmen did not begrudge the victory to their rivals. Mr. Hawthorne referred to the excellent character of the Sydney Cricket Ground, and Mr. Jones interjected that it was the best in the world. Mr. Hawthorne said that they would always be as glad to see Jones play cricket as they were to hear his interjection. The people in this colony looked upon Jones as a genuine bowler. (Loud and continued applause.) In responding to the toast, Mr. Firth said that Evers, Pye, and Trumper had been "brought out" by electorate cricket, and there were other promising men who might also be heard of in the future. This was due to the work which had been done by the association. Mr. Neild proposed "The South Australian Cricketers, with the Captain." Mr. Lyons, in responding, said that when he left Adelaide for Sydney he and his comrades looked upon the Sydney match as likely to be a very tough one, in view of the performance which was made against the Englishmen recently. All he could say was that cricket was a most extraordinary game. The South Australians felt that they could beat Victoria, but they anticipated that fortune would favour them if they beat the New South Wales eleven. "The New South Wales Cricketers," was proposed by Mr. Neild and responded to by Messrs. Evers, Trumper, and Newell. Mr. Trumper considered that good bowling and inferior batting were the causes of yesterday's defeat. A number of other toasts were honoured, and during the evening several songs were sung.

SCHOOLS' PREMIERSHIP.

In the first match of the round Sydney Grammar School defeated Newington College by 50 runs on the first innings, scoring 282 to 229. In a second effort Newington closed at [illegible] for one wicket, and S.G.S. responded with 111, also for one wicket. For the College Campbell made 117 and 218—a record for school cricket—Phillips 29, Brown 52, Waugh 14, and for S.G.S., Harris 76 not out, [illegible] 1 and 60 not out, Gurney 41 and 23, Woolhorn 44, Plomley 37.

The King's School played its first match for the year in the Schools' competition on the University Oval on Friday and Saturday last, defeating Church of England Grammar School by 29 runs on the first innings. King's School went in first and made 193, out of which F. Body (captain) scored 108 and E. Waddy 34, the rest of the batsmen contenting themselves with keeping up their wickets while Boyd scored. C.E.G.S. replied with 174, of which White made 84 by excellent cricket. In the second innings K.S. scored freely, E. Waddy making 119 not out by faultless cricket. F. Body got 24, E. Body knocked up 44 in a short time by hard hitting, and Middleton hit freely for 41 not out. White and Boydell bowled for C.E.G.S. in the first innings and Holdsworth in the second, and Middleton got most wickets for K.S.

North Botany Rosedales defeated St. Clement's, Marrickville, on the former's ground by 16 runs. Rosedales, 42 and six for 48 (M'Burney 8, Miles 6 not out, Tollet 10, Brown 12 not out); St. Clement's, 26. The bowling for the winners was done by Moloney and W. Lupton, and for the losers by Cleeve and Brown.

Erskineville, 171 (Matthews 85, May 32, Stevenson 11, F. Howe 10, Beasley 10), played a drawn game with Mechanic, five for 23. Selwyn was the most successful bowler for Mechanic, whilst F. Howe (4) and Beasley (2) secured the wickets for Erskineville.

City Club met Glenrock on the former's wicket, Centennial Park, and played a draw in favour of the former club. City, nine wickets for 109, innings closed (C. Boyd 67 not out principal score); Glenrock, six wickets for 45. G. Austen did the bowling for City, five for 22.

On Saturday, on the Manly Oval, Manly B met Bank of New South Wales, and the Bank won by 114 runs. The Bank scored 181 for six wickets (Smith 55, Neale 50), and declared their innings closed. Manly responded with 67 (Udman 20, Lawler 20). For the Bank, Stephen took seven and Dent three wickets; and for Manly, Noscis secured three, Walsh two, and Wyatt one.

The Gunning team met the Collector C. C. on the home wicket, on Saturday, in competition for the Affleck Cup. The visitors sustained a severe defeat, being beaten by one innings and 417 runs. The totals for Collector were 25 and 22 respectively, E. Turner 16 being highest score. The home team ran up a record innings of 464 runs (J. L. Sands 201—being a record for the ground—J. Leary 92, W. Power 43, and Arthur Leary 35, were the next highest.

Mauri Brothers and Thomson defeated New South Wales Lager Bier Brewing Company, Limited (first team), at Waterloo, on Saturday, by 37 runs. The New South Wales Lager Bier Brewing Company, 28 runs (M'Evoy 11); Mauri Brothers and Thomson, 65 runs (Kermode 13, Chidgey 12, Stead 10). For Mauri Brothers and Thomson Kindale secured five wickets for 15 runs, and Kermode four for 12, the latter capturing four wickets in four consecutive balls; while M'Evoy and Stock bowled well for the Lager Bier Company.

Waverley Congregational defeated Glen Melville by 36 runs. Dickson 35, Gale 23, Robey 20, Duggin 20, scored for the winners, and Davenport and Simmonds did well for the losers.

Endeavours defeated St. Andrew's by 28. Endeavours, 34 and 41 (Sewell 11, Wales 11); St. Andrew's, 25 and 22. For the winners, Bulgin took ten wickets for 14, while for the losers Amery secured ten for 25.

Shaftesbury, Y.M.C.A., 106 (Angove 27, H. C. Lack 19, Grant 18), defeated St. Clement's C. C., 64 (Wales 32). Grant, five for 22, bowled well for Shaftesbury, and Coates and Steel for St. Clement's.

James Gandy and Co. defeated Colonial Paper and Foreign Agency Company by four wickets and 167 runs. Colonial Paper and Foreign Agency Company, 13 (Harris 6); James Gandy and Co., 130 (Harpham, 54 not out, Hooper 40, Lacey and Shipway 27 each, Cobwen 13). For the winners, Harpham four for 4 (including the hat trick), and Shipway five for 6, bowled well; whilst Lane did best for the losers.

Tennyson defeated Virginian by an innings and 28 runs. Tennyson, 81 (Passathorne not out, Kneller 18, Royal 10); Virginian, 19 and 34 (Ryan 14, Haggart 10). Kneller, Brewster, and Bell bowled for Tennyson, and Haggart for Virginian.

SWIMMING.

The Government Swimming Club brought off a 66-yards handicap in the Natatorium last night. The handicapping was good, and the finishes close and exciting. Mr. A. B. M'Nab officiated as starter and timekeeper, Mr. J. Perkins check-starter, Mr. A. Stafford judge. The following are the results:—

First heat: M. Bourke, 1; J. M'Cawley, 2; C. Vaughan, 3. Second heat: A. Boss, 1; C. Smart, 2; W. Johns, 3. Third heat: R. Myles, 1; C. Goodwin, 2; E. Toober, 3. Fourth heat: C. M'Dermott, 1; P. Quill, 2; T. Farley, 3. Final: R. Myles, 1; C. M'Dermott, 2; M. Bourke, 3. Time, 57 4-5 seconds.

PIGEON HOMING.

The Paddington Homing Society brought off a race from Goulburn on Saturday last. The distance air-line being 105 miles. There was a good entrance of birds, and the competition was keen. The winner being Mr. Dorahauer's bird, with a velocity of 710 yards per minute, 1; Mr. Bassetti's bird, with a velocity of 709 yards 9in. per minute, 2; Mr. Horrigan's bird, with a velocity of 708 yards 5in., 3; with Messrs. Tombs, Auld, and others in close order.

SHOOTING.

ST. GEORGE'S (7TH REGIMENT) RIFLE CLUB.

The first prize-shooting of the new year was held on Saturday afternoon, at the Randwick Rifle Range, and was well attended, the ranges being 500 and 600 yards. The highest scores off the rifle were as follow:—

Lieutenant F. C. Stephens, 32, 20—52; Sergeant Parkinson, 33, 16—49; Sergeant J. G. S. Purves, 24, 22—46.

At the first annual meeting of the club Lieutenant Stephens presided. The December quarter's prizes, best two out of three shootings, with a handicap limit of 56, were won as follows:—

Lieutenant F. C. Stephens, 57, 60 (scratch)—117; T. M. Sergeant Smith, 50, 55 (handicap 6)—111; Sergeant Rayner, 46, 41 (handicap 14)—111; Private M'Neill, 109; Private Hayes, 105; Private Woolcott, 103.

The annual report showed that the club had made good progress. The highest scores off the rifle during the year were those of Lieutenant Stephens (63 and 69) and Sergeant Parkinson (62).

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Major J. C. Neild (O.C.); vice-presidents, Captains J. C. Waine, Morgan, and Smith, Lieutenants Niesigh Gosbell, Reynolds, F. C. Stephens, and J. F. Smith; hon. secretary, Sergeant J. G. S. Purves; hon. treasurer, Sergeant J. B. Gooch; committee, Sergeant Phelps, Sergeant Lambert, Sergeant Rayner, C. Sergeant Stretton, Q. M. Sergeant Smith, Sergeant Parkinson, Corporal Payne, Corporal Guest, and Private M'Neill.

NAVAL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS RIFLE CLUB.

The eleventh annual report of this club has just been prepared by Sub-Lieutenant A. F. Stephens (hon. secretary), and is a highly satisfactory one. The champion gold medal of the club was won by Commander M. J. Keating (being the fourth time in succession), with a record score of 494, for best 8 shootings out of 12, giving the high average of 61¾ points out of a possible 70. The Rifle Association's medal was won by Sub-Lieutenant Stephens. At the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association its members competed, winning about £130. Commander Keating at this meeting tied for the Queen's Championship. The following were the highest aggregate prize winners for the year, best 8 shootings out of 12:—

L. S. Holmes (388, handicap 60), 447; Sub-Lieutenant Stephens, 447; Sub-Lieutenant J. H. Wood, 419; Art. Hanson, 414; Lieutenant E. Falk, 410; P.O. Stanhope, 408; P.O. Lester, 435; C.P.O. Dunn, 420; L.S. Tunnock, 413; C.P.O. Wimbold, 407; A.B. Riddle, 407; L.S. Benson, 406; P.O. Greenland, 405; P.O. Cane, 403; P.O. Swanson, 398.

MOUNT KOSCIUSKO OBSERVATORY.

RESUMPTION OF WORK.

Mr. B. de Burgh Newth, weather observer at the Mount Kosciusko Observatory, writing on February 19, states that after their forcible ejection from Mount Kosciusko by a hurricane which overthrew everything he is again in possession, and the regular meteorological work is once more in full swing. He adds, "My colleague, Mr. Ingleby, the first observer, is remaining at Jindabyne awaiting further instructions from head-quarters, whilst I have made all speed back to the summit, which I reached at 2.12 p.m., accompanied by our mail boy and a pack-horse. Save for an annoying fog encountered on the way up, which nearly lost us our horses, the weather was perfectly fine, and has been so, most fortunately, up to the present. Judging from the instrument readings and other considerations the weather seems likely to remain fine for at least a few days to come. The first act was of course to read the barometer, secure in its cairn, and take some other weather notes, notably the rainfall. One of our last acts had been to secure the gauge, in which I found 4·149, making a total rainfall for the past week or so 11·380. This business despatched the self-recording instruments barograph and thermograph were with all speed fitted out with new pens and papers, rewound, &c.; and, with assistance of course, the Stevenson thermometer screen had to be mounted and stayed again, which was accomplished by 4.15, and most of the thermometers were set in going order. Finally, by 5.30, the "wet bulbs" were fitted up, and everything was ready for the complete set of observations at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, from which time the meteorological work may be said to take its new start after a much-to-be-regretted interruption of four days. Of course, now that this, the most important part, is in going order we can turn our attention to "putting things straight." Our private properties are not as badly off as they might have been. The weather for drying purposes leaves nothing to be desired, and, thanks to such preparations against the blow out as we had been able to make, most of the damageable articles are in fairly good condition.

"Captain Hill, our manager, returned yesterday, which day was spent in making some kind of order out of the prevailing chaos and in making ourselves a good camp in a sheltered spot near the summit. It will, I am afraid, be several days before everything has settled back into the condition of things before the storm. On the whole we have much to be thankful for that our case was no worse, and that the weather is giving us such ample opportunities in the shape of fine days to recover from the effects of the hurricane."

AFFECTION, OR SMUGGLING.

The idea of establishing a "kissing line" on piers to keep enthusiastic incoming passengers and their equally demonstrative friends from meeting for prolonged embraces before the baggage has been disposed of (says the "St. James's Gazette") was recently discussed by New York customs officials. They have complained for some time that their work, slow enough in the best of circumstances, is greatly hampered by the hundreds of kissing couples, whose greetings seem never to end. To remedy this they suggest that a line be established on the piers, which shall hem in arriving passengers until their baggage has been passed, and which shall keep their friends out. The officials did not say whether they would cause the arrest of any young man who might so far forget himself in his eagerness to greet a returning friend of his sister as to jump the line and kiss the passenger before the word was given. They think, however, that such cases can be provided for by a little discrimination. One Custom-house man says that on the arrival of the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse an old maid who hadn't any one else to kiss pretended she knew him, and grabbing him up, embraced him before he could protect himself. The officials assert that frequently persons who, it is supposed, are embracing each other, are really transferring smuggled goods to each other's pockets.

PRESENTATION FOR RESCUE AT SEA.

The presentation of medals with certificates bestowed by Lloyd's upon the captain and crew of the Cunard steamer Etruria as an acknowledgment of their services in the saving of life on the occasion of the abandonment in the North Atlantic of the steamship Millfield in December last was made on the 12th ultimo in the committee room of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association. The chairman said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to the captain and some of the officers and crew of the Etruria medals and certificates presented by the great institution of Lloyd's and a gold and two silver medals presented by the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society. He could only say that the members of the association were very glad indeed to be of service on such an occasion. It had been said too often lately that most of the good qualities of the British seaman had departed. He did not admit that for one moment, and he did not think anyone would say, after what they had seen and heard recently, that the sterling quality of courage had grown less, or was now less frequently seen amongst British seamen. On the occasion in connection with which they were met it was well tried, and it was not courage only, but there were patience, devotion, and skill. But for the skilful way in which the captain manœuvred the Etruria there was scarcely a doubt there would have been some loss of life, if not a serious loss of life. He then handed over the medals and certificates from Lloyd's, adding that, should the occasion ever again arise, he felt sure the recipients would do, as they had done in the past, their duty nobly as British seamen. (Applause.) The awards were as follows:—Lloyd's silver medals, with certificates, to Captain John Ferguson, and Lieutenant George H. Dodd, first officer, and bronze medals, with certificates, to Sub-Lieutenant Harvey M. Broadbent, second officer, and Richard Collins, John Hayes, Thomas Callaghan, F. W. Young, Daniel Garster, John Henderson, and James Murphy. The chairman also handed over the awards made by the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society to Captain Ferguson and Lieutenants Dodd and Broadbent. These consisted in the case of the captain of the society's gold medal, and in the case of the two officers the society's silver medal and binoculars. Captain Dubois Phillips, of the Shipwreck and Humane Society, said that this case was the bravest that had come under the notice of his society during the two years he has been secretary. He quite approved of the suggestion that there should be a permanent scroll recording the names of such men. Captain Ferguson, who was welcomed with great applause, said that they acted without the slightest idea of any reward—(hear, hear)—but with the confidence that they would have the full approval of the company they had the honour to serve. (Applause.) Lieutenant Dodd, in also replying, said that but for the masterly way in which the Etruria was handled by the captain, the venture of the boat might have ended disastrously.

Amongst those present at the funeral of the late Mr. Whitton, and whose names were inadvertently omitted, were the President of the Marine Board (Captain Hixson, R.N.), Commander Lindeman, R.N., and Mr. Francis Lord.

The Empress of Austria possesses a unique collection of photographs taken by herself during her travels of the last nine years. They consist of portraits of all the beautiful women and girls whom her Majesty has seen, a great number of them being Italians and French. Attached to each photograph is a paper, on which is written the name, age, and description of the lady depicted, together with the date on which the portrait was taken, and the place.

SLEEP.

The doctors have been discussing once again the eternal question of sleep (says the "Spectator"), and some remarkable facts have been given as to the ability possessed by certain men to do without sleep. The interest which the subject of sleep always excites in men and women is curious, though in reality most natural. Sleep, though in the strictest sense an everyday affair, is still the strangest and most wonderful of the phenomena of existence. Next to death it is the great mystery. Not only is it surrounded by a hundred unsolved physical problems, but psychologically it is full of haunting doubts and difficulties. Is the intelligence that dreams the same intelligence that directs the waking body? It is difficult to suppose otherwise, for a dreaming mind seems so often to remember accurately and vividly what was done by the self of daylight and consciousness. Yet if that is so, why are we sometimes such different people in sleep—the brave man a coward, the coward a hero, the unhappy man a creature of joyous impulse, the misanthrope an optimist? But to decide either that a new mind occupies us while we dream, or that the waking mind continues at work, is not sufficient, for whichever way the problem is settled no explanation is given of the dreamless sleep. Where is the mind of him who, as far as he can tell, is absolutely unconscious in sleep? The man who has been dreaming can say, "While my body was lying inert on the bed my mind ranged through the whole field of thought, and was as active as in my waking hours." The man who does not dream can only say, "Mentally I was dead while I slept: the time, as far as my memory serves me, was an absolute blank—a gap in the course of existence." It may be argued, no doubt with some show of reason, that both the dreaming and the dreamless states are really the same, or, rather, that the only difference is that in the dreaming state the tablets of memory are impressionable, while in the dreamless state they will take no impressions. That is, A goes to sleep and his mind begins, or continues, to work. He has an active memorial apparatus in his brain, and this apparatus records the dreaming as it does the undreaming thoughts, and therefore when he is awake he can remember the dream thoughts just as he remembers his day thoughts. B, on the other hand, has a dull or unsensitive memorial machinery, and hence his dreaming thoughts are not registered with sufficient force and accuracy to make them memorable. It is only a question of registration. A's physical machinery registers so well and so easily that it will work even when the bodily functions are at rest. B's works "hard," and therefore does not act unless the full bodily steam is up. But this theory, though ingenious, will not account for all the facts. There is a great deal more in dreams than can be accounted for by registration or non-registration. Even in the most coherent dream the dreamer feels less than, or at any rate something different from himself. Some controlling force has been relaxed, and the mind wanders off, as it were, on its own track and under its own guidance, or rather, in the direction indicated by some external power. As a rule, when we dream we feel ourselves actors in a pageant. We do not do what we would but what we must. There is no choice, no free will. Rather, we are compelled to take action by some sense of external pressure or direction. Every dreamer is a necessitarian. It is clear, then, that on entering the dream state we lose something which belonged to us in our waking hours. We have lost the power to direct and control our thoughts. The rider is out of the saddle, and the horse is browsing around by himself. There comes, however, a sudden alarm, a sudden warning, and in an instant the rider has leaped into the saddle and regained control of the horse. The man is awake. What happens to the rider while the horse is wandering free? What has become of him? Is he asleep with the body? Assuredly not that, for this controlling power in the mind has less, not more, to do with the body than the mind, which wanders off in sleep. The dreaming mind takes colour, as it were, from the body during sleep, and acts in greater, not less, sympathy with it than when awake. The tympanum of the ear is struck by the vibrations caused by a bell, and straightway the dreaming brain registers a wild romance, which, had the controlling power been present and awake, would have been instantly rejected. Most assuredly, then, that self-controlling power which we call consciousness is not a sort of bodily function which depends on the activity of flesh and blood. Let us for a moment recall, as far as we can, the phenomena of sleep. If we try to remember what happened last night we cannot get beyond a statement of this kind:—"I remember that before I went to sleep I was thinking of the sugar question. Then I lost consciousness. The next thing I remember is the housemaid coming in with the hot water. As I woke, too, I remembered that I had been dreaming how a great red dragon with 'bounty-fed' inscribed in letters of gold on his tail was raging through a cane-brake tearing down and destroying the tall sugar canes." Now, the essential facts in this statement are (1) the loss of consciousness on falling asleep, (2) the regaining of consciousness on awakening, (3) the wandering of the mind at its own sweet will, the controlling power having been suspended. From this we may infer that consciousness is not compatible with sleep, and that consciousness, or that power which we lose when we fall asleep, is the controlling power of the mind. But may it not be argued from this that this consciousness, this controlling power of the mind, this true soul, this rider of the mental horse, is unable to be present except in a waking body? When the body enters into the temporary death of sleep the consciousness is dethroned. The moment the body reawakens, the soul, which can only animate a waking body, returns to its seat. This consciousness, this soul, is, again, dethroned by death, or by some grave injury to the body. Death is the condition from which the body cannot recover itself and resume activity. Hence in the case of death the soul does not return. Madness, or a terrible concussion, or some grievous injury to the body also dethrones the soul, but in such cases there is still the possibility of return, and if the body recovers its full functions the controlling conscious soul returns. Thus sleep seems to point us to the fact that the highest and the strongest part of the mind, the controlling power, is no way material. It can only be the tenant of a living body—i.e., a body which is neither in that state of temporary inanimation which we call sleep, nor of that permanent inanimation which we call death, nor in that impaired condition which we call madness. The soul waits, where and how we do not know, but somewhere, ready to reenter the body at waking or recovery, if waking or recovery there is. That is a fact—not a guess. Why should we conclude from this fact that if and when the body is unable to wake again or to recover, the soul dies? Is it not more reasonable to suppose that, since the consciousness is able each day to leave the body and return to it, it can, when the body is no longer tenantable, live elsewhere? We know that it can and does leave the body and yet return. Is that not proof that it can keep alive without the aid of the body? No doubt the materialist might say that it was a new consciousness that was born with the daily reanimation of the body; but is not that a juggle with words?—the "Iliad" was not written by Homer, but by a person of the same name who lived in the same place at the same time and wrote the same poems. For most men, at any rate, this materialist argument will fail. They will say they know that it is not another but the same John Smith who wakes each morning. But since there is no such thing as unpremised reasoning, and since we can only argue from admitted premises, we are quite willing to confine our appeal to those who will admit that he who goes to bed John Smith rises John Smith in the morning. Those who are willing to make that admission will certainly find in the mystery of sleep not a little physical proof that the highest part of the intelligence, the mind within the mind, has a life apart from that of the body. It is true that a consciousness is not apparent to other consciousnesses who are occupying bodily tenements unless it is itself inhabiting that clay cottage we call a man; but that does not prove it does not exist. A's house tumbles down, and he is obliged to leave it, and therefore the inhabitants of the street see him and his house no more. Is that to be called a proof that A no longer exists? Surely a better inference from the termination of the lease, or from the destruction of the house, is that A has gone to live in another town.

Whatever may be the value of these arguments, there is a remarkable fact connected with sleep which must not be overlooked. The sleep of a human being, if we are not too busy to attend to the matter, always evokes a certain feeling of awe. Go into a room where a person is sleeping, and it is difficult to resist the sense that one is in the presence of the central mystery of existence. People who remember how constantly they see old Jones asleep in the club library will smile at this; but look quietly and alone at even old Jones, and the sense of mystery will soon develop. It is no good to say that sleep is only "moving" because it looks like death. The person who is breathing so loudly as to take away all thought of death causes the sense of awe quite as easily as the silent sleeper who hardly seems to breathe. We see death seldom, but were it more familiar we doubt if a corpse would inspire so much awe as the unconscious and sleeping figure—a smiling, irresponsible doll of flesh and blood, but a doll to whom in a second may be recalled a proud, active, controlling consciousness which will ride his bodily and his mental horse with a hand of iron, which will force that body to endure toil and misery, and will make that mind, now wandering in paths of fantastic folly, grapple with some great problem, or throw all its force into the ruling, the saving, or the destruction of mankind. The corpse is only so much bone, muscle, and tissue. The sleeping body is the house which a quick and eager master has only left for an hour or so. Let any one who thinks sleep is no mystery try to observe in himself the process by which sleep comes, and to notice how and when and under what conditions he loses consciousness. He will, of course, utterly fail to put his finger on the moment of sleep coming, but in striving to get as close as he can to the phenomena of sleep, he will realise how great is the mystery which he is trying to fathom.

A FRENCH WARSHIP AT AUCKLAND.

Referring to the arrival of the Eure at Auckland from New Caledonia a New Zealand exchange says:—The Eure, which is on her first visit to this port, has been for some time engaged on the South Pacific station, principally between New Caledonia and the New Hebrides. She is rather a smart-looking vessel, and is manned by 11 officers and 123 crew. Leaving Noumea on January 29, she called at Prony Bay next day, and proceeded on to Auckland on the 2nd instant, meeting with fine weather on the passage. Her officers are—Captain, M. Le Cuve; first lieutenant, M. Guepin; second, M. Baysien; third, M. Ravel; fourth, M. Chastung; and fifth, M. Sukers. M. Baudey is paymaster, and Dr. Sisco surgeon.

The end of the strike in the printing trade of Edinburgh brings relief to one very notable man. It is the rule of the great house of Blackwood that some of the partners shall know printing, and give a hand if required. In pursuance of this practice Mr. George Blackwood has been spending his days of late and no small portion of his nights in keeping a machine going, and proving that he can get more work out of it than an ordinary workman. Thus the printing of the firm has not stopped for a single day.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Entered outward: February 22. China, R.M.S., 2899 tons, Captain M. de Horne, for London, via ports; Barrabool, s., 942 tons, Captain William Hammer, for Brisbane; Buninyong, s., 2070 tons, Captain F. Bell, for Fremantle, via ports; Rockton, s., 1971 tons, Captain W. J. Simpson, for Fremantle, via ports; Anglian, s., 2150 tons, Captain W. Waller, for Melbourne; Time, s., 2575 tons, Captain R. R. Brown, for Melbourne, via Newcastle; Taieri, s., 1068 tons, Captain J. Shephard, for Devonport.

Captain Brown reports that the steamer Time left Fremantle at 6.20 p.m. on February 8, rounded Cape Leeuwin on the 9th at 3.26 p.m., arrived in Albany at 5.30 p.m. on the 10th; left Albany at 8.5 a.m. on the 13th, sighted Cape Bridgewater at 2.25 p.m. on the 18th, Cape Nelson abeam at 4 p.m. same day; passed Cape Otway at 3.45 a.m. on the 19th, and rounded Wilson's Promontory at 7.30 p.m.; passed Gabo Island on the 20th at 3.18 p.m., and Cape St. George abeam on the 21st at 9.35 a.m.; entered Sydney Heads at 8 p.m., and dropped anchor in Neutral Bay at 8.50. Entered Mort's Dock 7 yesterday morning. Experienced strong S.E. winds from Fremantle to Albany, and from Albany to Cape Nelson had moderate winds chiefly from the N.E. and S.E.; from Cape Nelson to the Promontory moderate easterly winds, and from the Promontory to Gabo light northerly and N.E. winds; from Gabo to Cape St. George strong northerly winds, and from there to the Heads moderate N.E. winds.

The steamer Taieri, Captain James Shephard, which arrived at 11.30 p.m. on Monday, from Devonport, reports having left Devonport at 8.30 a.m. on the 19th instant, and Kent's Group abeam at 8.45 p.m. the same day, passed Gabo at 3.25 p.m., and had Green Cape abeam at 6.10 p.m. on the 20th, Montagu Island was abeam at 3 a.m., Cape St. George being passed at 11.30 a.m., and the Heads entered at 11 p.m. on the 21st. Experienced moderate N.E. winds and smooth sea as far as Gabo, thence to arrival moderate N. winds and head sea.

During the voyage of the ship Lowther Castle from New York to Sydney, in 1896, Captain Wareham threw into the sea a bottle containing one of the printed forms supplied by the Weather Bureau of Brisbane. The bottle was thrown overboard in lat. 46.40 S., long. 72.30 E., the date being August 10, 1896. The ship at that time would be to the north-east of the Island of Kerguelen, due south of India, and in the South Indian Ocean. The message remained afloat until February 3 of this year, when it was picked up by Mr. Horace Walker, at Irwin's Gap, about three miles south of Manukau Heads' signal station. It is about 5000 miles from Kerguelen Island to New Zealand, and the message occupied 18 months in travelling from where thrown overboard to the Manukau.

The steamer Courier has gone to Drake's Dock for an overhaul.

The Fifeshire, which was to have left to-day for Queensland, has been held back for a day or two by cable to Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co.

The Staurfur is due from Port Kembla to-day.

The Changsha, from Hongkong, passed Smoky Cape at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. She is due here to-day.

The Bucephalus, from Java, arrived at Albany yesterday.

The Samar, barque, left Auckland yesterday for Newcastle.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Victoria is due here on Friday morning from London.

The R.M.S. India left Colombo on Saturday evening, the 19th instant.

The R.M.S. Rome arrived at Plymouth on Monday morning, the 21st instant.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, hence January 17, arrived at Suez from Australia on the 21st instant.

The R.M.S. Duke of Westminster, from Brisbane December 24, arrived at Plymouth on the 21st instant.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE BARBAROSSA.

The following passages have been engaged by the Barbarossa, sailing from Circular Quay at noon to-day for Bremen, in the North German Lloyd line:—

For Melbourne: Mr. Schorath, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hinton, Miss Hinton, Mr. Adena, Captain Bekford, Miss A. Coates, Mr. Fink.

For Adelaide: Mrs. A. H. Collier and party, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grundy.

For Albany: Mr. F. Patterson.

For Colombo: Mr. W. T. Fox.

For Southampton: Mr. and Mrs. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones, Mr. Green and tutor, Mr. Shaw and party, Miss Calvert, Mrs. Inglis, Mr. B. Congrave, Miss Anderson, Mrs. A. Lyster, Mr. and Mrs. Chase and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson, Mr. Stone and party, Mr. M. Meyderhausen, Miss Davies, Miss Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. H. J. Gerritsen, Colonel and Mrs. Innes, Mr. Pincher, Mr. Warne, Miss A. Bischheith, Miss E. Bischheith, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Coke, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Bal and child, Mr. and Miss Wilson, Mr. H. Evans, Dr. Glover, Mr. Lestrange, Mrs. and Miss J. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Mausen, Mr. and Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles and party, Miss Olive, Mrs. and Miss Capper, Mrs. Farrelly, Mrs. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Stranaghan and family, Mr. and Miss Bruige, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Woodward, Mr. J. Greenlees, Mr. William Thompson, Rev. and Mrs. Mateer and family, Mrs. M'Donald, Mrs. Whitelaw, Mr. G. F. Keep, Mr. M. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. M'Alpine, Miss Fammetter, Miss Nellie Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Schaumann, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Lee Sueur, Miss E. Vagel, Mr. and Mrs. Ullmann, Mr. John Grahame, Mr. Thomas Conlingly, Mrs. Moloney and party, Mrs. Culyer, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. White's maid, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Stiles and 3 children, Mrs. E. B. Price and 4 children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coop and 4 children, Mr. H. B. Forth.

For Naples: Mr. and Mrs. Target, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. J. Smith, Miss Target, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. W. Smith, Miss Alison Smith, Miss Lorna Smith.

For Genoa: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brookmann, Mr. Ronch, Mr. J. Schultze, Mr. and Mrs. Scherff, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Oblendorff, Mr. Pietrusky, Baron Krug von Nidda, Mr. Carl Marquardt, Mr. E. F. C. Gunnesson, Pastor H. Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Busch, Mdlle. Busch, Mr. G. Byron, Mr. F. Iredale, Mrs. Michaelis, Mr. A. Cohen.

For Bremen: Mrs. H. L. Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Coles and child, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wurmker and infant, Mrs. M. Muecke, Mrs. Greenaway, Mr. C. E. Coerser, Mr. P. Schuhmann, Mr. E. Lambeaux, Mr. and Mrs. W. Humme, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. and Mrs. Harbison, Mr. R. Beinesen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Margules and 2 children.

For Antwerp: Mr. A. Schneider, Madam and Master Buset, Miss A. Berkeley.

ANOTHER ADDITION TO THE U.S.S. FLEET.

It is intended that the steamer Ella, the new cargo vessel purchased by the U.S.S., will be placed in the Westport coal trade. In accordance with the custom of the company, the steamer will be named after one of the New Zealand lakes, and henceforth she will be known as the Kini, a lake on the West Coast. She is destined for the coastal trade, and will run in conjunction with the Pukaki, Paparoa, and Hawea, loading coal from Westport, and goods on the return trip. She is expected to arrive in about two months. The fact of the addition of this steamer to the fleet is further evidence that the day of the small collier steamer is passing away in New Zealand. The steady reduction of freights is rendering it more difficult than ever to make small boats pay, and they are being gradually squeezed out of the trade.

THE BIG BONANZA.

An American-built comfortable-looking wooden barque, the Big Bonanza, from Puget Sound, yesterday arrived with a full cargo of lumber for Messrs. Davies and Fehon. The ship, in command of Captain Bergmann, left Port Blakeley on the 2nd ultimo, passed Raratonga the 3rd instant, Norfolk Island the 9th instant, and had strong to moderate weather to port.

ISLAND TRIP OF THE KELLOE.

The steamer Kelloe yesterday arrived after a two months' trip to the South Sea Islands. The vessel berthed at its Quay. She reports having left Sydney on the 18th December, and visited Savage Island, Suwarrow, Manihiki, Christmas, and Fanning Islands, the Union Group and Samoa, from which place the Kelloe took her departure on the 9th instant for Sydney. The weather for the first part of the voyage was rather unpleasant, having N.E. winds after leaving Sydney, which lasted to Manihiki, when a heavy N.E. gale, with thick rainy weather, was had, lasting for five days, after which fine weather was had for the remainder of the cruise.

ISLAND SHIPPING.

The following vessels were in Penrhyn Harbour when the Kelloe called there last month:—The schooners Modern, Tokaitienne, Tupaheima, Tongarua, Tautua, and cutter Rock Lily.

DOCKINGS.

The steamer Larnaca was yesterday floated out of Mort's Dock after cleaning and painting.

The steamer Time is in Mort's Dock for cleaning and painting.

The barquentine Fendle Hill is on Mort's Slip.

CHARTERS.

The barque Elizabeth yesterday arrived at Westport (N.Z.). She comes on to Sydney to load for the islands.

Lapwing, barque, Fredrikstadt to Melbourne—timber.

Araby Maid, barque, Newcastle to Panama—coal.

Ocean Ranger, barquentine, Port Esperance to a New Zealand port—timber.

Ellen, barque, Newcastle to Lyttelton—coal.

THE ASIA.

The barque Asia, 308 tons register, Captain G. E. Greenwood, arrived again in Sydney yesterday morning after an absence of but seven weeks. She left here on January 4, bound to Helensville, with a cargo of 350 tons of bonedust, thence to Kaipara, where she loaded 220,000ft. of kahikatea for the Union Box Company. Of the passage here (which only occupied nine days) Captain Greenwood reports having left New Zealand on February 13, with strong southerly weather, which lasted two days, after which light variable winds, principally from S.E. to N.E., prevailed till arrival as above.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Aberdeen, from London February 1.
Alameda, A. and A., from San Francisco February 4.
Austral, O.S.N., from London February 4.
Australia, P. and O., from London February 11.
Australian, E. and A., from Japan via Hongkong February 7.
Bucephalus, Currie, from Singapore February 5.
Changsha, C.N., from Hongkong February 1.
Darius, Currie line, from Calcutta February 2.
Essen, G.A., from Antwerp February 6.
Gulf of Bothnia, from Liverpool December 24.
Gulf of Martaban, from London January 9.
Gulf of Siam, from Liverpool January 30.
India, P. and O., from London January 29.
Indramayo, Tyser, from London, January 23.
Meissen, G.A., from Antwerp January 29.
Nairnshire, from London January 20.
Narrung, Lund's, from London January 18.
Omi Maru, N.Y.K., from Yokohama February 18.
Ormuz, O.S.N., from London January 21.
Ophir, O.S.N., from London February 18.
Paroo, A.U.S.N., from London, via Queensland ports, December 15.
Port Albert, A.A., from London, via W.A., January 1.
Port Chalmers, F.S.N., from London December 31.
Port Denison, A.A., from London February 10.
Prinz-Regent Luitpold, N.G.L., from Bremen January 14.
Sommerfeld, G.A., from Antwerp January 1.
Victoria, P. and O., from London January 14.
Ville de la Ciotat, M.M., from Marseilles January 23.
Willyama, from Port Pirie.

SAILING VESSELS EXPECTED.

Auguste, German barque, from New York February 3.
Paroda, barque, from London January 7.
Benmore, ship, from New York January 1.
Birma, German barque, from New York November 30.
Bralboch, ship, from London January 12.
Bravo, Norwegian ship, from Fredrikstadt February 7.
Caithness-shire, barque, from Fredrikstadt December 25.
City of Adelaide, four-masted barque, from Fremantle January 21.
Condor, barque, from London January 31.
Copley, Danish ship, from London January 3.
Crown of India, four-masted barque, from Liverpool November 26.
Dartford, ship, from London February 7.
Dunbalburn, four-masted ship, from Liverpool January 3.
Earl Granville, barque, from Savannah, via Melbourne, November 22.
Earl of Zetland, ship, from New York January 1.
Elizabeth Price, schooner, from Napier February 2.
Geertruida Gerada, Dutch barque, from New York December 21.
George F. Manson, American barque, from Puget Sound January 4.
Gifford, four-masted barque, from Liverpool February 7.
Hollinwood, four-masted barque, from New York November 17.
Isle of Arran, ship, from Glasgow January 31.
Lismore, ship, from Glasgow December 8.
Lizzie Vance, American schooner, from Eureka December 31.
Mario, Italian barque, from London September 28.
Rokeby Hall, Norwegian ship, from Fredrikstadt December 30.
Scottish Moors, ship, from Hamburg December 7.
Silver Cloud, barquentine, from Hokianga February 12.
Sir Henry, schooner, from Foxton, N.Z., January 26.
Springbank, four-masted barque, from Hamburg February 8.
Theodor, four-masted German barque, from Port Pirie February 5.
Vasco da Gama, German ship, from Liverpool December 13.
Wiscom bePark, ship, from Sharpness December 21.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

The Stock and Share market continues to show a lack of animation. Prices, nevertheless, maintain the buoyancy noticed for so long past. Government stock and debentures were unaltered, no business transpiring. Banking stock disclosed no new feature, the supply being about equal to the demand at current rates. Quotations for bank deposits also remained much about the same as yesterday, though Australian Joint Stock Bank A's and B's were bought at a reduction of 1d. United Insurance were sold at 83s 6d—a reduction of 6d on last quoted sale. Australian Gaslight advanced to 16¾, a rise of a ¼; and Grafton Gas were quitted at 25s, as compared with 24s 6d, the price previously paid. The recovery in Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery was maintained, yesterday's price again being given; other breweries steady, but firm. Operations in miscellaneous stocks were limited to Colonial Sugar at the previous quotation.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: United Insurance, 83s 6d; Australian Gaslight, 16¾; Grafton Gas, 25s; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 16s; Colonial Sugar, 28¾. At 4 o'clock.—Late sales: A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 14s 2d; ditto B, 11s 2d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1892	2,428,830	...	...	4	108½	108	110
Ditto Act, 1873	530,189	...	...	4	129½		130
Ditto, due 1924	...	...	...	3			...
Ditto, due 1925	...	...	...	3	100	99	...
Ditto Deb., 1902	200,300	...	...	5	110	105	110
Ditto Deb., 1903	...	...	...	...	102½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1903	...	...	...	...	102½	...	...
N.Z. Deb., 1912	300,000	...	...	4	106	105	...
Q'land Deb, 1912	...	...	...	4	108	107	...
Colonial Sugar—Deb., 1914	...	...	...	5	112	110	...
Ditto Deb., 1904	...	...	...	5		...	...
Girilamb'e, 1905	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BANKS.							
Australian J. S.	1,167,207	10	7½		6/	6/3	...
City	240,000	10	8	4	69	69/	72/
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4		63/	...
Com. of Aus. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	76		...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	23½	23½	...
N. S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	34½	34	34½
Ill. Queensland	412,500	9	5¾	7½		...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	27½	26¾	27½
DEPOSITS.							
A. J. S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	3	14/2	14/	14/6
Class B	...	...	...	3	11/2	11/3	11/6
Ditto, Inscribed	391,141	...	...	3½	10/6	10/4½	...
Com. of Aus., A series 1896	...	...	...	3	18/	17/3	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...
E. S. & A. series	...	...	...	4	15/	15/	...
Ditto Termi'ble	500,000	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	19/3
Ditto Debentrs.	999,575	...	...	4	16/9	16/9	...
Insc., pref.	949,000	...	...	3	...	14/3	...
Ditto, def.	940,921	...	...	3		13/	...
Nat. of Aust.	...			4½	19/7½		...
STEAM.							
Illawarra	50,000	5	3¾	8¾	6	5¾	6¼
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	5	16/3	16/8	16/9
North Coast	121,748	1	17/6	8	17/6	17/6	18/
N. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	50/	49/6	51/
Port Jackson	25,300	20/	25/	...	29/6	22/6	26/6
Ditto Co-op'tive Deb. Shares	...	...	1	...	17/	12/	17/
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	23/6	23/6	...
Mer. Mut.	20,250	1	3/6	15½	10/3	10/	10/6
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	11	...		72/6
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	83/6	82/6	84/
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	12½	...	19/	21/
GAS.							
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	...	14/	17/
Australian	681,798	6	6	9/	16¾	16½	17
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	42/	...	42/
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	25/	24/6	25/6
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	24/	26/
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	...	13/	14/
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	18/9	16/	18/
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	12½	5¾	5	...
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	26/6	26/6	...
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10/	6	13/9	13/6	14/6
BREWERIES.							
Albury	21,000	1	15/	5	...	6/	9/
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	10/	...	6/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	5	16/	16/	16/3
Marshall's	29,701	10/	5/	6	...	3/	3/6
Perkins's	58,223	15/	15/	10	...		
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	24/1½	24/	24/3
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	5	2/9	2/3	...
Australian Newspaper	40,000	1	1	8	24/6	25/	...
B.H.W. Supply	186,500	1	1	10	17/		...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	25/	24/6	...
Lurze	17,500	1	6/	8		5/	6/6
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	28¾	28½	28¾
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5		...
Emu Bay R'lway	100,000	1	1	...	...		
Ditto	150,000	1	10	...	...	7/	8/3
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	2½	...	5/	...
Fresh F'd & Ice	170,000	1	18/	8	19/4	...	...
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	56,000	1	1	8	...	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...
Melbourne T'rus	480,000	1	10/	5	12/3		...
Mont de Piete	73,437	1	1	10	34/	34/	
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/2	...	2/3
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	6	7/6	7/3	7/6
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...		...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	8	7/		
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	...	3/3	3/	3/9
Silv. Tram	197,800	1	1	40	92/6	92/	93/6
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14¼	...
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	20/	10	21/6	22/	...
Lawn & Brass.							
Haymark't Dep.			13/			...	...
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6			
Intercolonial	35,000	1	15/	10	12/6	12/	14/
Syd. Free L. B., and Inv. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/1	7/6	...
Federal B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syd. & Sub. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	9/6
N'castle B. & L.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The Sydney Banks' Exchange Settlement for the week ended yesterday amounted to £1,819,115, against £2,017,275 in the corresponding week in 1897 and £1,842,448 in 1896. Since the beginning of the year the total amount of the clearances compares with the amounts for the corresponding periods of previous years as follows:—

January 1 to February 25, 1895	...	£16,823,674
January 1 to February 24, 1896	...	17,890,295
January 1 to February 23, 1897	...	18,724,281
January 1 to February 21, 1898	...	17,633,578

The return shows a reduction of rather over 3 per cent. as compared with the figures of 1897.

The report of the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company for the year 1897 shows net premiums aggregating £25,800, interest, rent, and transfer fees £1839, previous balance £1609, giving a total of £29,248. As compensation for accident £16,138 had been paid, bonus policies had absorbed £674, general expenses £4290, Government taxes £123, transferred to reserve £1000, and to reinsurance fund £2000, leaving a balance of £1421. Out of this the directors proposed a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, of which 3½ per cent. had already been paid out of the balance from the previous year, reducing it to £1039 as above mentioned. The statement of Mr. Thos. Buddle, the chairman, showed that the net premiums presented an increase of £5630, principally received by the Australian branches. The directors recommended the appropriation of £5000 from the funds as an instalment of capital. The report was adopted and the directors and officers were thanked for their services.

The effect of the West African incidents on London Stock Exchange securities has been sufficiently pronounced, seeing that it is a general fall. Still, if the decline is not proportionately greater than ½ in Consols it is not a very serious one. It can well be imagined, however, that unless more reassuring intelligence comes to hand the decline will become greater. Provincial Stock Exchanges also suffered from the political unrest.

Some time back, when Victoria effected a reduction of the cost of inscription of its loans, the "Herald" drew attention to the comparatively high price being paid for the same service for our loans. This is £500 per million for the first 10 millions, £450 per million for the next five millions, and £400 per million for amounts over £15,000,000. Though the London and Westminster Bank's agreement with Victoria now provides for a fixed charge of £250 per million instead of a varying charge of £350 to £500, the London correspondent of the Melbourne "Argus" thinks even this reduced rate, which is but little more than half what New South Wales pays, is too much, for the reasons given as follows:—

It certainly requires explanation why the cost of inscription in the case of Victoria should still remain so very much higher than in that of other colonies which can be cited. For instance, the Bank of Montreal acts for Canada at the rate of £150 per million; the Crown agents inscribe the stock of the Crown colonies for £50 per million; and the South Australian Agent-General last year served his colony in a similar capacity for very little over £100 per million, and this year expects to do it for something under that rate. At present he deals with only £11,000,000, and he considers that had he a larger amount to inscribe the cost might be considerably lower. Now, the Victorian inscribed stocks aggregate close upon £33,000,000, so it would appear as if the cost of inscribing should be, not £250 per million—and that considered a miracle of economy—but something under the figure which suffices for the much smaller South Australian loans.

If South Australia does the work of inscription for about £100 per million, and Victoria has made arrangements to do it for £250, there seems to be no better reason why New South Wales should pay from £400 to £500 per million than the fact that she is the oldest and richest of the Australian colonies. In the case of the Crown agents, it is said, the employment of female clerks partly accounts for the remarkable economy effected; but the South Australian staff is worked on the ordinary lines. It is said also by the "Argus" that probably the key to the whole position is that the London and Westminster Bank, under their agreement, are in a position to insist on a very large amount of compensation for the surrender of their contract. No Treasurer likes to pay down something like £80,000 to secure a release, and consequently the lowest terms which the bank would concede had to be accepted. Whether there are any terms in the contract to prevent a reduction in the Bank of England rate of £400 to £500 per million paid in the case of the stock of this colony we are not aware. Years ago the Bank of New South Wales offered to do the work for two-thirds of the amount paid to the London bank.

The United Kingdom, which in 1896 imported gold to the value of £24,468,357 and exported £30,123,925, leaving a net deficiency of nearly five and three-quarter millions sterling, in 1897 imported £30,808,858 and exported £30,808,571, the imports thus balancing the exports. The main sources of supply and absorption are shown as follows:—

—	Imports.	Exports.
South Africa ...	£13,769,352	£45,015
Australasia ...	10,094,052	...
British East Indies and Aden	1,495,614	2,513,005
Mexico and South America	1,929,020	679,215
China ...	682,129	...
France ...	621,571	1,138,954
Spain, Portugal, &c.	537,193	95
Belgium ...	384,781	362,449
Holland ...	15,442	832,033
Germany ...	278,292	11,948,619
Egypt ...	250,000	1,051,509
Russia ...	...	279,000
Japan ...	60,246	5,273,620
United States ...	68,056	1,208,466
Other countries ...	161,276	5,505,959
Total ...	£30,808,858	£30,808,571

The gold, which chiefly came from South Africa and Australasia, was exported mainly to Germany and Japan. The shipments to Germany went on probably to Russia and Austria. British India took a million more than she sent. The United States, which in 1896 sent £10,087,749, taking in return only £1,208,466, only exported £68,056 to the United Kingdom, and received thence £1,208,466, exclusive of what was shipped on British account from Australia.

Commenting on the mineral and metallic production of the United States for the year 1897, amounting to £152,412,000, the "Bullionist" remarks that no country approaches such an aggregate, and says that it is all the more surprising in view of the severe industrial and mercantile depression through which the country has been passing. Large, however, as may be the production of minerals and metals in the United States it falls far short of the comparative yield in Australasia. In his last issue of "Seven Colonies" Mr. Coghlan shows that the total value in 1894 aggregated £13,476,233, being equal to £3 5s 7d per head of the population, whereas the figures of the United States aggregated but a trifle more than £2 per head. South Australia and possibly New Zealand are the only colonies of the group which do not yield minerals and metals in value per head equal to the United States production.

The approximate yield of gold in South Australia for the year 1897, as far as can be estimated by the Commissioner for Crown Lands, amounted to 10,322oz. valued at £39,020.

IMPORT MARKET.

Wheat remained rather quiet, though no material decline in prices can be reported. Buyers of flour have been holding off of late owing to the fear of heavy importations from San Francisco. Recent cables showing a much firmer market on the Pacific Slope have, however, effectually dispelled that idea. Sugar was firm on the basis of the company's rates. Some fair parcels of tea changed hands, all descriptions meeting with a steady inquiry. Groceries, dried fruits, &c., were slowly distributed at late rates. All the standard lines of liquors ruled very firm, brandy being especially so. In metals not much activity prevailed. Most of the leading buyers of cornsacks have now made their purchases, and the Calcutta market has strengthened. Kerosene was still very unsettled, in some instances concessions being accepted for lines.

Breadstuffs.—Wheat is quoted quiet at 3s 7d to 3s 10d for pinched, and prime 4s, or a shade more where extra quality was offered. Flour steady at £10 5s to £10 10s, best brands being firm at the latter price. Private cables from San Francisco quote Sturr's flour at £9 17s 6d per ton c.i.f. and e., reputed weights, or equal to £10 2s 6d per ton of 2000lb., to which has to be added wharfage, cartage, &c., when comparing with the prices of local flour. This, of course, means that business direct with San Francisco is now quite out of the question. Manitoba flour met with further inquiries from Northern Queensland ports; but, except for a few re-sales made by bakers, very little was done, stocks on the spot being pretty well cleared out.

Advices from Berrigan state that further parcels of wheat are being trucked there for export to Europe, via Sydney. This is the district where the wheat was reported to be very pinched, and yet at the local show last week the first and second prizes were given for wheats going 66½lb. and 65½lb. to the bushel respectively.

As anticipated, receipts of wheat by rail show a further shrinkage, though the figures are still large when compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. The actual receipts at Redfern, Darling Harbour, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown of wheat by rail during the past week compare with those of the previous periods enumerated as follows:—

—	Wheat.	Flour.
	Tons.	Tons.
Week ended February 22...	2,598	397
Previous week ...	3,243	504
Corresponding week in 1897	729	221

The appended table gives a comparison of the receipts of flour and wheat by rail for the eight weeks of the years enumerated:—

—	Wheat.	Flour.
	Tons.	Tons.
First eight weeks in 1893 ...	9,164	3,147
First eight weeks in 1894 ...	8,411	2,536
First eight weeks in 1895 ...	9,794	3,110
First eight weeks in 1896 ...	5,487	2,315
First eight weeks in 1897 ...	15,770	1,880
First eight weeks in 1898 ...	29,482	3,217

Sugar.—Small parcels of Ripple Creek B changed hands at £18 10s; ditto, yellow, £17; and Sharm, £18 10s. The market generally was firm.

Tea.—Private sales were reported as follows:—35 packages of Ceylon broken pekoes, 9½d; 50 Chinas, 6½d; and 70 Indians, 8d to 9d.

Messrs. Henry Harris and Co. (late Harris and Ackman) offered on account of Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., Messrs. H. J. Langdon and Co., and the Ceylon Tea Shippers' Association 836 packages Ceylon teas. There was the usual attendance of buyers, both for local and intercolonial requirements. Bidding was far more animated than has been the case for the past few weeks, and the catalogues were practically cleared. Prices were quite on a par with late rates, but are still said to show heavy losses to the importers. Prices ranged as under:—Good common pekoe souchongs, 5d to 5½d; pekoes, 6d to 7½d; orange pekoes, 7½d to 8½d; broken pekoes, 7½d for good common, to 8d for medium, to 9½d for fine, to 1s for finest.

Groceries.—Only a steady distributing business was carried through to-day, prices generally being unaltered. Very little was done in dried fruits at recent quotations.

The exports of groceries, oilmen's stores, and other kindred lines from the United Kingdom to Sydney and Newcastle during the month ended December 31 and previously in 1897 compare with those of similar periods in 1896 as follows:—

—		Month ending December 31. 1896.	1897.	Previously in. 1896.	1897.
Preserved fish ...	£	3,040	1,430	22,413	23,800
Sardines ...	£	910	750	15,190	19,310
Pickles, Sauces ...	£	2,500	360	37,979	34,360
Vinegar ...	gals.	3,700	9,050	94,400	138,170
Jams, Jellies, &c.	£	540	1,053	8,300	4,900
Cocoa and Choc'te	cwt.	311	598	4,672	4,713
Mustard ...	£	1,220	360	17,220	14,820
Starch ...	£	340	30	15,163	12,100
Blue ...	£	80	100	8,880	7,570
Salad Oil ...	gals.	300	20	4,900	6,905
White Salt ...	tons	906	270	14,681	10,812
Rock Salt ...	tons	437	736	3,172	4,091
Candles ...	cwt.	78	12	5,071	314
Dates ...	cwt.	420	35	6,104	6,782
Condensed Milk ...	£	2,090	1,653	35,130	40,770
Cornflour ...	£	800	280	8,360	10,670

Among those lines which show marked increases are vinegar, condensed milk, cornflour, and slight increases only, in preserved fish, including sardines, mustard, rocksalt, and dates. A very heavy shrinkage is observable in jams and jellies, and candles, while the shipments of pickles and sauces, starch, blue, salad oil, and white salt have also fallen off somewhat. Doubtless as our local manufactures become more expert such lines as jams, jellies, pickles, &c., will gradually disappear altogether from our list of imports. Already great headway has been made in this direction, and other lines are gradually being added to their number. Starch is now being turned out locally in good quantities and of good quality. Condensed milk has not made much headway so far, but a start has been made, while local cornflour has for years competed successfully with the imported article.

Liquors.—Spot stocks of Hennessy's brandy were very light, one-star selling at 36s to 36s 3d and three-star at 46s 3d. Business naturally is of the most hand to mouth character. Lowndes's rum was also well held at 2s 7d to 2s 8d, according to quantity. Key gin moved off at 10s 6d in lines, and a shade more for smaller parcels of 15-bottle. On spot very little Old Tom was available, and holders ask 11s 6d. No further supplies will be forward until well into March, and even for that delivery holders ask 11s 3d, with perhaps a slight concession for 100-case lines. Robertson's, Walker's, and Williams's whiskeys had a steady inquiry, while 10 quarters of Dunville's were also placed. Fifty-seven hogsheads and 150 cases of Jeffrey's ale changed hands ex recent arrival. Guild's ale was also in steady request. Dry Monopole champagne pints were very scarce, and most of the next shipment to arrive has also been placed. Quarts were plentiful and dull.

Hardware.—About 800 casks of Anchor cement moved off at 9s 4d net cash ship's slings.

Jute Goods.—The c.i.f. price of cornsacks and branbags has advanced during the past few days, according to cables from Calcutta.

Oils.—Most holders of kerosene ask from 7½d to 8d, but sales have been made at a concession, and the market is irregular and unsettled. Other oils remained quiet and dull.

Return of produce received at Sydney and Clyde per rail for the week ended February 22:—Butter, 643 kegs and 3463 cases; cheese, 504 cases; eggs 609 cases; bacon, 1 bag and 616 sides; hay, 88 trucks; straw, 11 trucks; chaff, 182 trucks; wool, 698 bales; sheepskins, 639 bales; wheat, 2999 tons; flour, 397 tons; oats, 35 tons; barley, 9 tons; maize, 14 tons; meal, 7 tons; potatoes, 367 tons; bran, 261 tons; pollard, 189 tons.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3946. The principal items were:—Spirits, £1621; wine, £33; ale, porter, and beer, £61; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1238; sugar and molasses, £44; candles, £92; confectionery, £31; preserves, £10; pilotage, £35; harbour dues, £13; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £502; excise on beer, £256. Total, £3946.

EXPORT MARKET.

Butter Shipments to the Cape.—The Woolloomooloo, sailing to-morrow for Capetown and London, will take 1500 boxes butter.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 84 bales of wool were manifested, 385 arrived coastwise, and 61 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTING PRICES.

Our weekly summary of prices current as between distributing houses and their customers is subjoined:—

Brewers' Goods: Malt, English, 6s 9d to 7s 3d; New Zealand and Victorian, 5s 9d to 6s. Hops, Kent, Bohemians, and Bavarians, new, 1s 1d to 1s 6d; Tasmanian, 1s 1d to 1s 1½d; New Zealand, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; brewers' crystals, £20 10s per ton.

Candles: De Roubaix Jenar, 4½d; De Roubaix Oedenkoven, 4½d; Gouda, 4½d; Schiedam Apollo, 4½d; colonial, 3d to 4½d.

Coffee, Cocoa, &c.: No. 1 Ceylon Plantation, whole, 13d to 13½d; American, 12d; Island, 7½d to 9d; cocoa, Epps's, 1s 1d per lb.; Cadbury's, ¼lb. 15s, ½lb. 8s, 3oz. 6s per dozen; Parsons's, 1s 1d; Fry's, 1s 1d; Taylor's, 1s; Van Houten's, ½lb. 9s 9d; cocoatina, ½lb., 10s 6d per dozen.

Contractors' Materials: Cement, 10s 6d; blasting powder, 6d; dynamite, Convention rate 1s 7d, other makes 1s 2d to 1s 3d.

Dried Fruits: Currants, 4½d; elemes, 5½d; sultanas, 6½d; dates, 2½d per lb., figs, 5s 9d to 6s per dozen; prunes, stewing, 5½d to 7½d; muscatels, American (5lb. trays) 4s, (10lb. boxes) 7s 6d; Malaga, 1s to 1s 1d; softshell almonds, 4½d to 5d; Jordan ditto, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; Brazil nuts, 6d; Barcelona nuts, 5d; walnuts, 4d; dried apples, 6d; evaporated ditto, Tasmanian, 7d; American, 6½d; apricots, evaporated, 6½d; peaches, ditto, 6½d; pears, 6½d; lemon-peel, English, 6½d, local, 4½d; orange, English, 7½d, local 6½d; citron, English 9½d, local 9½d.

Metals: Galvanised iron, per ton, £15 to £16; fencing wire, No. 8, £8 5s; No. 10, £8 10s; barbed wire, American, £10 10s; sheet lead, builders' parcels, £16 10s; tinplates, 18s; Muntz metal, 8½d; wire nails, average assortment, 25 per cent. off list; bar iron, £8 5s to £8 10s; tanks, 400-gallon, 45s each; wire netting, 35 per cent. off list; bolts and nuts, 22½ per cent. off list; axe handles, 6s to 7s 6d per dozen; BBA shears, 33s 6d to 34s per dozen.

Jute Goods: Woolpacks, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; cornsacks, 4s 3d; branbags, 3s 3d on spot.

Fish: Herrings: Fresh, Moir's, 4s 3d; other brands, 3s 10½d to 4s. Kippers: Moir's, 5s 9d; other brands from 4s 9d. In Tomato: Moir's, 5s 9d; other brands, from 4s 9d. Red Herrings: 24's, 23s; 12's, 12s. Salt Herrings: Half-barrels, 23 dozen, 22s 6d. Salmon: Tinned scroll, 5s 9d; Skeena, 5s 6d; other brands, to 4s upwards. Salt Salmon: None available. Sardines: Trefavenne, quarters, 3s 9d; others, 2s 6d to 3s; Trefavenne, halves, 5s; others, 4s 3d to 4s 6d. Lobsters: American, 11s 3d to 11s 6d. Oysters: Kennett's, 4s. Ling, 3½d. Findon Haddocks, 6s 6d.

Oilmen's Stores: Mustard, Keen's D.S.F., quarters 4s 6d, halves 7s 9d, pounds 15s 6d, 7lb tins 6½d; pickles, best brand, 10s 6d; ordinary, 4s 6d to 7s; salad oil, English pints 7s to 11s 6d, half-pints 4s 3d to 6s 6d; castor oil, half-pints 3s; vinegar, cases, best brands, 6s 3d, ordinary 3s 6d to 5s 6d per dozen; bulk ditto, to 1s 4½d per gallon; starch, best makes, packet 26s, 1lb. 27s to 32s; blue, 6½d; sauces, best makes, pints 20s 6d, half-pints 10s to 11s 3d; sauces, ordinary, pints 4s 6d to 6s, half-pints 2s 4½d to 4s; devilled ham, 11s; condensed milk, 4s 6d to 5s; jams, imported 5s to 7s 6d, colonial 1lb. 2s 9d to 3s, 2lb. 5s 6d to 5s 9d; canned fruits, American assorted, 6s 9d, apricots 7s 6d, pears 9s 6d, colonial assorted 6s 9d; colonial, 5s; bottled fruits, 9s 6d; asparagus (American), 9s per case; anchovy paste (C and B), 10s; bloater paste in tins, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; olives, half-pints, 7s 6d; barley (pearl), 15s per cwt.; ditto (patent), 7s 3d to 7s 6d per dozen 1lb. tins; lentils, 9s per dozen; clothes pegs, 3s; glue, 6½d to 9½d per lb.; cornflour, 2½d to 3d per lb.; Dutch cheese, 10d; macaroni, 6d; vermicelli, 6d per lb.; petit pois, 3s 10½d to 4s 6d; champagnons, 9s to 9s 6d; preserved meats, beef 2lb. tins, 7s 9d to 8s 6d; extract of meat, 4oz., 22s to 24s; ox tongues, 2lb., 21s 6d per dozen; English hams, 10½d; Dutch cheese, 10d; devilled ham, ¼lb., 11s; arrowroot, Grimes', 4d; isinglass, Swinborne's, 14s 6d to 15s; gelatine, ditto, 15s 6d; liquorice, 1s 3d to 1s 9d; matches, vestas 2s 3d to 2s 7½d, safety 1s 6d; oatmeal, 7lb, 21s; split peas, 14s.

Drugs, Chemicals, &c.: Tartaric acid, 1s 5d; cream of tartar, French 9½d, English 10½d; citric acid, 1s 9d per lb; alum, 10s per cwt.; borax, lump 4½d, powder 4½d per lb; saltpetre, English, 30s; soda crystals, 8s; bicarbonate of soda, £9 15s to £10; caustic soda, 1lb tins, 7s 6d; sulphur, casks, 10s to 11s; whiting, 6s; bluestone, 21s; Epsom salts, 1s 3d.

Liquors: Bottled ale, best brands, per dozen quarts, 8s to 9s 6d; ditto, pints, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; other brands, per dozen, quarts from 6s 6d, pints from 4s 9d to 5s; bottled stout, per dozen quarts 7s 3d to 9s 6d, pints 5s to 6s 6d; lager beer, per dozen quarts 8s to 11s, pints 5s to 7s 9d; Hennessy's pale brandy, per case, one-star 36s 6d, three-star 46s 6d (in bond); bulk 8s 6d to 17s per gallon (in bond); whisky, case, 6s to 28s; whisky, bulk, 5s 6d to 24s; Key geneva, 10s 9d to 13s; rum, Lowndes's quarters, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; wines colonial, per dozen, red 14s to 30s, white 14s to 25s; bulk, per gallon, 4s 6d to 8s; wines, imported, per dozen, port 25s to 21s; sherry, 9s to 20s; claret, 25s to 70s; champagne, best brands, quarts, 110s to 120s per case.

Sugar: The Colonial Sugar Refining Company's tablets (in 1cwt. cases), £26; icing or powdered sugar, £25; castor sugar, £23; confectioners' and brewing crystals, £20 10s; No. 1 (IW or Snowdrop), £20; No. 2 (No. 1 pipe or IC), £19; No. 3, £17 per ton; golden syrup, 2lb. tins, 21s per case; treacle, 2lb. tins, 18s per case.

Salt: Rock, red 4½s 6d per ton; coarse salt Black Horse 50s, Liverpool 37s 6d, fine 65s; jar 5s per dozen; 7lb. bags £6 per ton, 3lb. bags £7.

Oils: Kerosene, American, 150 test, 8d to 9d; linseed, raw 2s 2d, boiled 2s 4d; castor, cases 2s 8d, drums 2s 1d; China, 2s 9½d; Colza, 3s 6d to 4s; turpentine, 2s 2½d; Stockholm tar, 5s 6d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Wheat is quiet at from 4s 4d to 4s 4½d. Old flour is selling at £12. Business in new is slow at £10 10s to £10 15s. Pollard is in good demand and rather scarce at 1s 1½d. Bran is firm at 1s. Pollard, 1s. Oats, New Zealand, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; Victorian white, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; Algerian, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; Dun, 2s to 2s 3d. Chaff, £2 15s to £3 per short ton; parcels, £3 5s retail. Japan rice is firm at £19 10s per ton. There is a good trade in tinned fish. Oatmeal sold at £16. The market is very bare.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Wheat is firm at 4s 4d to 4s 4½d with good sales. A large business was done in old and new Riverina wheat. Bran, 10d to 10½d. Malting barley is firm at up to 5s 6d. Cape barley is dull at 2s 6d to 2s 10d. Sales of oats at auction and privately cover nearly 5000 bags. Algerian feed, 1s 5d to 1s 8d; milling, 1s 9d; seed, up to 2s; stout white, 2s 2d to 2s 2½d. Maize is firm at 3s 2d. Chaff is dull at £3; extra green, £3 2s 6d. Warrnambool potatoes, £6; Colac, £6 10s; onions, £5 10s. At the tea auction business was quiet, importers requiring full rates. 1774 packages Indians were offered and 468 packages sold. Flowery orange pekoe, 10½d to 1s 1d; orange pekoe, 7½d to 9½d; pekoe, 6d to 8½d; pekoe souchong, 6½d to 6½d. 215 chests Ceylon offered, and 96 chests sold at 5½d to 6½d. Seventy-five chests Ceylon sold privately at 9d to 11d. Currants, 5½d to 6d. Dried apples have risen 1d, and 50 cases sold for export at 4½d f.o.b. Ling, 4½d to 4½d; salt salmon, 4½d; hemp seed, £14 10s. A fair business is doing in kerosene.

What must be regarded as the closing sales of the present Melbourne wool season took place this afternoon, when the whole of the Melbourne wool brokers, six in number, held auction sales. The total quantity offered at auction was 3081 bales, of which 2115 bales were sold. In addition to these, some 417 bales have been disposed of privately, making a total of 2532 bales sold since the last auction sales were held. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition was very brisk. Prices show no change from those current at last auctions, though there was some irregularity in the bidding, probably the result of a number of withdrawals.

There was a good demand on the Stock Exchange for investment stocks. Victorian Government 3 per cent. stock sold at £102; Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cent. (1917), £102 5s; ditto (1927), £102 15s; National Bank ordinary shares, 38s 6d; ditto, preference, £19 18s; Victoria, ditto, £10 9s; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 11s 10½d; Silverton Tramway, 93s; Mutual Store, 30s; Sydney Hydraulic, 24s.

PRODUCE INWARD.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The Oonah, for Sydney, took the following cargo:—680 bags bark, 6 bags fruit, 6 casks fruit, 762 cases fruit, 654 half-cases fruit, 103 bales straw, 32 cases jam, 100 cases hops, 4 bales hops, 222 cases pulp, 56 bags malt.

DAIRY NEWS.

CAMDEN, Tuesday.

During the month of January the Cobbitty Factory treated 34,556 gallons of milk, producing 14,457lb. butter; average test, 3·6. At Westbrook the test was 4·1. Suppliers received 2½d per gallon.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Tuesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

A steady business was transacted in general produce to-day, movements in prices being all in buyers' favour. Good supplies of most descriptions of produce were under offer. A fair demand was noted for maize at late rates. Some holders obtained 2s 10d for odd lots of prime new maize. Oats were in moderate request. Other feed-grain lines, however, were more or less neglected. Both bran and pollard sold well, especially the former. Prime imported chaff had ready sale, medium and inferior quality being rather slow. The market for lucerne remained quiet and unchanged. No really prime hay was obtainable on the wharfs. Imported straw had attention at £2 10s per ton. Circular Head potatoes found ready sale at £5 10s for primest. Local tubers were rather scarce, and prices in consequence were well maintained. Onions continued dull of sale, even at reduced rates. A moderate amount of business was done in dairy produce. Apart from a rise in eggs little or no change occurred in prices.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Maize.—Prime, 2s 11d to 3s; new maize, 2s 9d per bushel.

Oats.—New Zealand best feed, 2s 6d; other qualities up to 2s 5d; Tartarian seed, 2s 8d; local feed oats to 2s 4d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape barley, 2s 9d to 3s 1d; English prime, nominally 3s 5d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 5s; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Leading roller brands, old £11, new £10 5s to £10 10s; new wheat, association price, 4s; prime samples realised to 4s 2d.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime new, £4 to £4 5s; medium, to £3 10s per ton; chaffing descriptions, £2 15s to £3.

Chaff.—Imported, medium, £3 ½s to £3 10s; prime, £3 15s to £4. Local: Prime, £3 15s to £4; extra prime green, £4 5s; medium samples, £3 to £3 10s per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, £2 to £2 5s; special brands, £3; imported, £2 10s; local bundled, to £2 5s per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. £1 5s to £1 17s 6d; prime green, £2 to £2 5s; railway prime, small bales, £3 5s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 8d; factory, 7d to 7½d.

South Coast quote choice creamery 8d. Berry Creamery 8d, Foley Brothers quote best creamery 8d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Mild-cured, 7½d; hand-cured, prime, 7d to 7½d; second-class, 6½d to 7d; farmers', 6d to 6½d; middles, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 7½d; flitches, 7d; middles, 8½d; Barnes's "B in circle," 7½d; M'Lean's bacon, 7½d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; very choice, 9d; New Zealand, Queensland, and mild-cured, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Eggs.—Moderate demand. North, 12d; South, 12d to 13d, choice, 14d per dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf, 5d to 5½d; Cheddar, 5d to 5½d; large, 4½d to 5d; Bodalla, 5½d; New Zealand, large 4½d, medium 5d; loaf, 5½d per lb.

Poultry.—Slow demand. Fowls, 1s 6d to 3s 9d; prime 3s to 3s 3d; ducks, 2s to 2s 9d; prime, 3s; Muscovy ducks, 3s to 4s, young 4s 6d; geese, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; turkeys, cocks 10s to 14s, hens 5s to 6s per pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in demand at quotations. Bran was quoted at 7d, and pollard 7½d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—New Zealand seed potatoes: Early Rose, £7; Kidney, £6. Tasmanian Circulars: Prime, £5 10s. Local: Prime, £5 to £5 10s; medium, £4.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Short supply. Good demand. Firewood, good 10s 6d to 12s; rough, 8s to 9s 6d; bundles, good, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; inferior, 7s 6d to 9s; billet, good, 8s to 9s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d; bakers' split, good, 9s to 10s 6d; large green, 7s to 8s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d, per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Prime Portarlington, £5 to £5 5s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk 3½d to 4½ per lb.

REDFERN SALE.

The insufficient space on the sale lines caused a large quantity of forage to be held over for to-morrow's (Wednesday's) sale. A good supply of most descriptions of produce was offered, for which the demand continued steady at prices much the same as those ruling yesterday. Prime chaff made to 4s, medium samples being placed at 3s 3d to 3s 9d. Special brands of straw realised 3s 2d; ordinary prime, in derrick-pressed bales, going at 2s 3d per cwt. Prime oaten hay brought 4s 4d; and medium quality 3s 6d per cwt. Lucerne hay of good sample, in large-sized bales, sold at 2s 1d to 2s 2d per cwt. Prime maize fetched 3s; bran, 7d; and chickwheat, 3s 1d per bushel respectively. Owing to the light supply of potatoes submitted the demand was good at firm prices. Prime made 5s to 5s 9d; medium, 4s; and special lots, 6s 9d per cwt. Pumpkins were in request at 1s 3d to 2s. Watermelons moved slowly at reduced prices, namely, 5d to 2s per dozen, according to size and quality.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 16 trucks; potatoes, 4; pollard, 2; lucerne, 5; hay, 3; bran, 3; maize, 2; wheat, 2; straw, 5; pumpkins, 9; watermelons, 16.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Robinson, Grimes, and Co., Inglis and Son, S. D. Bond, John Campbell, H. M. Suttor and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, Benjamin and Son, Robert Little and Co., South Coast Company, Ellis and Co., John Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, Dent and Perry, A. M'Arthur and Co., and G. Wells.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Lotterton, Cootamundra, (truck No. 8184) 3s 3d; J. Hollier, Wallendbeen, (6387) 4s; Bentley, Millthorpe, (9824) 3s 4d; Browning, Blayney, (2471) 3s 6d; Christian, Raglan, (3535 and 3843) 2s 10d; ex Darling Harbour, (3793) 3s 5d; Bradley, Borenore, (5877) 3s 7d, (3058) 3s 8d; D. Mackaway, Wagga, (1369) 3s 3d; Winterton, (3572) 3s 3d; Mutton Brothers, Coolamon, (3777) 3s 4d; Riley, Cowra, (7185) 3s 5d; Morley, Mary Vale, (2451) passed; A. Brunskill, Wagga, (761) 3s 6d; Dunsford, Kelso, (8174) 3s 9d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Drew, Mudgee, (5257) 2s 2d; Pound, Wallendbeen, (5028) 2s 3d per cwt.; Baker, Dubbo, (10,024) passed.

Hay.—From Newburn, Muswellbrook, (4068) 2s 1d; Jones, Campbelltown, (2154) 3s 6d; Kable, Newbridge, (9919) 4s 4d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From Porter Brothers, East Maitland, (5380) 1s 6d; Black, West Maitland, (6763) passed; Bolt, (5767) 2s 2d; Clarke, (3772) 2s 1d per cwt.; Graham, (4709) passed.

Bran.—From Cohen and Levy, Tamworth, (4172) 7d; Byrnes, Moree, (2928) 7d, pollard 7½d; Chicken, Corowa (1001) 7d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—From Mack and Austen, Narromine, (3984) 3s 1d per bushel; Mutton Brothers, Coolamon, (5257 and 9713) passed.

Maize.—From Arndell, Mulgrave, (8191) 3s; Chapman, Windsor, (1559) 3s per bushel.

Pollard.—From Dubbo Milling Company, (9450) passed; Hayes Brothers, Albury, (10815) passed.

Potatoes.—From Collier, Black Mountain, (8466) 4s; Bolt, (4773) 4s 1d; Menzies, Bowral, (22) 5s 9d; Lindsay, 5s 6d; Ford, 5s; Chapple, Mittagong, (498) 6s 9d per cwt.

Pumpkins.—From Watters, Richmond, (5602) 3s; Farlow, Windsor, (1559) 2s 3d; J. Scheidis, Richmond, (2941) 1s 10d, (2961) 2s 5d; M'Phie, Penrith (x303), 1s 10d; Willett, 1s 4d; Curry, (x305) 1s 11d; Long, (5763) 1s 4d; Dunstan, (7470) 2s 1d; C. Wright, (8122) 2s 2d and 2s 3d; Tuckfield, (7403) 1s 3d; Coffee, (9101) 1s 3d; Beecroft, (2775) 2s 2d per dozen.

Watermelons.—From Halbert, Windsor, (1065) 1s; Izzard, 1s 5d; Gardiner, Richmond, (5602) 1s 1d; C. Harris, Penrith, (5301) 2s; Griffiths, Windsor, (1559) 1s 7d; Agricultural College, Richmond, (2297) 11d, (7748) 1s 1d, (6824) 1s 6d; Crowley, (6925) 10d; Gosling, 6d; J. T. Shields, (7451) 8d; Tuckwell, (6961) 5d; Field, Penrith, (3076) 1s 1d; Curry, (x305) 10d; N. Hollier, (5763) 10d; Gannell, (7423) 1s 9d; Johnson, (2392) 9d; Reinter, 7d; Gannell, (401) 1s 1d; Ogaard, 6d; E. Cabban, (1506) 1s 3d; C. Wright, (6731) 10d; Beecroft, (2775) 1s per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Only a moderate supply of fruit was under offer at the Bathurst-street Markets this morning. Owing to this being an "off day" business was extremely slow. A number of changes occurred in prices, the principal being a rise in apples and a fall in grapes, quinces, and watermelons.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, green prime, 5s to 6s; coloured, 6s to 8s per gincase; Italian, 13s to 14s per half, 25s to 26s a double case.

Oranges.—Italian, 8s 6d to 9s per single and 17s to 18s per double case.

Pines.—Common, 4s to 4s 6d; Queens, 5s to 6s per case.

Grapes.—Black Hamburgs, ¾d to 1½d; choice, 1½d; muscats, 1½d to 2d; choice, 2½d per lb.

Plums.—Hobart, 2s 6d to 4s a quarter-case.

Passionfruit.—Local 2s to 3s, good 4s to 6s a gincase; choice 3s 6d half-case.

Pears.—Local dessert 4s to 5s a gincase; cooking pears, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per gincase; Melbourne, 6s to 8s per case.

Bananas.—1d to 2s 6d per bunch, 6s to 7s per case.

Apples.—Dessert, small, 1s 6d to 3s 6d, good 5s to 7s, prime 8s to 10s; cooking, 3s to 5s a gincase; Hobart Alphristones, 5s 6d, Codlins, 4s to 5s 6d per case.

Rockmelons.—1s 6d to 2s 6d a gincase.

Tomatoes.—Plentiful. Choice, 1s 6d to 2s 6d half-case; green, 2s 6d to 3s 6d a gincase.

Peaches.—Clingstones, small, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; good, 3s to 5s a gincase; slipstones, choice 3s 6d to 5s; choice clingstones, 2s 6d per half-case; others, 4s to 6s a gincase.

Quinces.—1s 6d to 2s 6d a gincase.

Watermelons.—1s 6d to 2s 6d per dozen.

Persimmons.—A few 5s a half-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

At the Belmore Markets this morning a moderate supply of vegetables was under offer, for which the demand continued brisk at quotations.

Quotations were as under:—Cabbages, 3s 6d to 4s, medium 2s to 3s, inferior 1s to 1s 6d; French beans, 1s 6d; peas, 3s to 4s per bushel; asparagus, 4s to 6s; horseradish, 6s; beetroot, 9d to 1s; mint, 1s; spinach, 1s; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s; white turnips, 1s to 1s 3d; parsnips, 1s; rhubarb, 1s 6d; watercress, 1s 6d; celery, 2s to 3s; radishes to 6d; carrots, 1s; herbs, 9d per dozen bunches; lettuce, to 6d; kidney potatoes, 3s; sweet potatoes, 2s; Early Rose, 2s per quarter; greenstuff, 4d to 6d; horse carrots, 6d to 8d per dozen bunches; vegetable marrows, 1s to 2s; cucumbers, local, 1s to 1s 6d; pumpkins, 1s to 4s; watermelons, 6d to 3s per dozen; butter beans, 2s 6d per bushel.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Campbell, Simms, and Wyly, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Bark.—At yesterday's sales the small supplies forward had a hardening effect upon prices. At the same time many lots, as usual, were withdrawn, owing to the heavy reserves. Quotations:—Best chopped, £6 10s to £7 12s 6d per ton; good, £5 10s to £6; medium, £4 10s to £5; inferior, £1 to £2 10s.

Leather.—Sales were held by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson and Co. With a good attendance and better competition a larger quantity than usual was disposed of, prices for dressed goods showing to slightly better advantage. All the light tweeds submitted found buyers, light kip, too, being in better demand, whilst better figures were offered for medium and common classes. Sole was in moderate supply, and late prices were firmly maintained. Harness, both brown and black, is only arriving in small quantities, and last quotations are still forthcoming. Bridle and bag, too, are in active request at unchanged prices. Basils have a small improved inquiry, but quantities arriving are unimportant.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report from Melbourne by telegraph that they held a sale of wool to-day, when a small catalogue was submitted. There was a good attendance, and competition was animated. Prices were well maintained. Greasy sold to 7½d, and scoured to 14d. After this date sales will be held at intervals of about a month. Among the sales were—Dunera over G; Queensland, fleece, 7½d; scoured Murweh, Queensland, combing, 14d; Yantara, Broken Hill, combing, 13½d.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. report:—We offered at sale to-day 2029 bales. There was a good attendance of buyers, but competition was scarcely as vigorous as at the sales a fortnight ago, and full rates were barely maintained at auction. The total sales were 1278 bales. Lienwah, 32 bales at 9d, 34 at 8½d, broken, 35 at 7½d, 44 at 7d; Doodlecoona, 17 at 8½d, 35 at 8½d; Ours to 8½d.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the live stock market to-day 20,000 fat sheep were yarded. All qualities were represented. For good and prime sheep prices were practically unaltered, while for middling and inferior descriptions the demand was barely sustained, and for such prices ruled easier throughout. Prime crossbred wethers, 9s 6d to 10s 9d; middling and inferior ditto ditto, 7s 6d to 9s; prime crossbred ewes, 10s to 11s 6d; extra ditto ditto, 12s to 13s; a few at 14s; good crossbred ewes, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; middling ditto from 6s 6d; prime merino wethers, 10s 6d to 12s; good ditto ditto, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; middling from 7s; best merino ewes, 8s 4d to 9s, 7000 fat lambs penned. Best descriptions in brisk request at late rates, while for other sorts the demand was inactive, but no alteration in prices can be quoted. Prime sold at 9s to 10s 6d; good, 6s 9d to 8s 6d; others from 4s 6d.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

HARDIE and GORMAN.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. BODD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Drapery, Clothing, Boots, Shoes.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Furniture, Brushware, Cutlery, Kapok, Japanese Tea Trays, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 12, Cutlery, Platedware, Musical Instruments, Books, &c.; at 2, Jewellery, Gold and Silver Watches, &c.

J. R. LAWSON.—On the Premises, 30 Foxteth-road, Glebe Point, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, Pianoforte, &c.

DALWOOD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Hand-painted High Art China, Bronzes, Vases, &c.

M. SYMONDS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianos, China Tea and Dinner Services, Toilet Services, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Darlinghurst-road, near Burton-street, at 10, Furniture, &c.; at his Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Toilet Glasses, Machines, &c.; on the Premises, Reservoir-street, near Macquarie-street South, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

R. W. BROOK and CO.—At 146 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, Toiletware, Dinner and Tea Sets, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

GUILLE and CO.—At 38 Sussex-street, at 11, Furniture, Springcart, Bicycle, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

G. KISS.—At Bazaar, at 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their mart, at 11, American Buggies.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

J. C. YOUNG and CO.—At the City Yards, at 10, Calves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—On the Premises, Harris-street North Botany, at 3, Stock and Plant of a Dairy Business, Poultry, Goodwill of Milk Run, &c.

ROBERT LITTLE AND Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auction, Redfern daily. Chaff and Corn Sacks, low't rates.—Advt.

JOHN W. GRAY and CO., 139 Sussex-street, Sydney, AUCTIONEERS and PRODUCE SALESMEN. Auction Sales Daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Robert Robinson, Grimes, and Co., Proprietary, Limited, 81 Sussex-st.—Auction Sale daily, Redfern, Hay, chaff, &c.—Advt.

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AND AT BUNHILL-ROW, LONDON.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mining market yesterday was again very quiet, and there were no changes of any note, except that Associated Gold Mines, Limited, and Great Boulder Main Reef amongst Western Australian companies were quoted higher at the close, whilst Great Boulder shares fetched an improved price.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	—	37/6
Stockton	3/9	4/1
Vale of Clwydd	—	7/6
Wallsend	£20	—
Wickham and Bullock Island	10/	10/6
Ditto, new	4/6	—
Ditto, pref., £1 paid	21/	—
COPPER.		
Girilambone	—	20/
Lake George Nth. Mines	—	2/1
Ditto, con.	—	1/7
New Mount Hope	—	2/
Nth. Nymagee	—	2/6
SILVER.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Broken Hill Proprietary	—	43/
Block 10	63/	—
North Central	—	6d
Overflow	4/10	6/
Ditto, con.	—	4/6
TASMANIA.		
Central Lyell	1/	2/6
Mount Black Proprietary, con.	—	6/6
Mount Lyell	13/7/6	13/15/
GOLD.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Baker's Creek Consols	1/3	2/6
Birthday	—	1/4
Ditto, con.	—	1/2
Cobar Great Western	3/3	4/1
Falkner's	5/9	6/6
Golconda, pd.	—	1/6
Mount David, paid	2/	2/2
Mount Drysdale	2/4	2/9
Mount Gahan	—	1/7
Peak Hill, pd.	—	2/
Star Lead No. 1	2/6	—
Ditto, con.	1/9	2/6
Sunlight	4/6	5/
Victory Forest Reefs	4/3	5/
West Bunlight	2/8	2/11
Ditto, con.	2/	2/3
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant St. George, ex div., pd. up	42/6	—

	Buyer.	Seller.
Mnt. Morgan	—	90/
No. 1 North Victory	4/6	5/3
Victoria G.M. Association	7/7	8/2
Victory	9/9	—
Ditto, con.	—	9/9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	81/6	83/6
Boulder Central	—	13/6
Boulder North Extended	—	6/
Brookman's Boulder	28/	30/
Brown Hill Central	1/6	1/9
Brown Hill No. 1 South	2d	4d
Chaffer's	4/6	5/9
Golden Bar	—	2/
Great Boulder Main Reef	28/	30/
Great Boulder No. 1	21/	—
Great Boulder Pers've'r nce	70/	78/
Hannan's Block 45	—	6/4
Hannan's Eureka	—	1/2
Hannan's Oroya	—	21/
Hannan's Pariuga	—	12/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley	1/	—
Ditto, con.	4d	—
Hannan's Reward North, con.	—	2/
Ivanhoe	—	6/10/
Ivanhoe Sth. Extended	7/4½	7/9
Ivanhoe Junction	1/2	1/6
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	4/3	4/11
Kalgoorlie Mint	—	20/
Kalgurli	5/10/	5/17/
Kalgurli N'th	—	32/6
Kalgurli S'th	45/	—
Lady Sherry	2/4	3/
Ditto, con.	7d	8d
Princess Margaret	—	7/6
Queensland Menzies, pd.	13/	15/3
Queen Margaret	10/	13/

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 1d; Victory Forest Reefs, 4s 9d, 4s 6d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, 18s 6d; Lady Sherry, paid up, 2s 6d, 2s 4½d. Noon—Gold: Star Lead No. 1, contributing, 2s; Pittfield Consols, 9d; Nos. 2 and 3 South Smithfield Tribute, 6½d; No. 5 North Phœnix, 14s 6d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 4s 5d, 4s 4d; Boulder North Extended, 5s 8d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 23s; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 4s 8d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: Lake George Proprietary, 9½d. Silver: North Broken, 6s. Gold: East Minerva, 3½d.

The secretary of Falkner's Gold-mining Company, Limited, is in receipt of the following telegram:—"Stoping good stone; struck 6oz. stone bottom of shaft. Mine dry, and all in good order."

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Business of fair extent passed to-day in the Mining market without any great alteration in prices. Sales and quotations were:—B. H. Block 14, 41s 6d, buyer 41s 6d, seller 42s; Menzies' Barossa, 3s 8½d, 3s 9½d, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 10d; Associated Gold Mines, 83s, 82s 9d, 83s, 82s, buyer 81s 6d, seller 82s; Hannan's Block 45, 5s 10d, 5s 9d, buyer 5s 8d, seller 5s 10d; Boulder Central, 12s, buyer 13s, seller 13s 3d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 3s 1d, 2s 10d, buyer 2s 9d, seller 2s 10d; Boulder Half-mile South, 2s 2½d, 2s 1d, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 2d; Brookman's Boulder, 29s 3d, buyer 29s 3d, seller 29s 9d; Boulder North Extended, 5s 7d, 5s 4d, 5s 6d, 5s 3d, 5s 4d, buyer 5s 3d, seller 5s 4d; Brookman's Golden Arrow, 1s 11d, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s; Golden Horseshoe, £7 15s, £7 16s, buyer £7 15s, seller £7 18s; Golden Queen, 7d, 6d, seller 6d; Golden Zone, paid, 4s 1d; Great Boulder, 22s 6d, 22s 3d, buyer 22s, seller 22s 3d; Boulder Main Reef, 30s, buyer 30s; Great Boulder No. 1, 18s 9d, 19s 3d; Hainault, 40s 6d, seller 40s 6d; Hannan's Central Extended, 2s, 1s 10d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 1s 11d; Hannan's Oroya, 18s 8d, buyer 18s 9d, seller 19s 6d; Hannan's Cromus, 7s 3d, buyer 8s 9d, seller 7s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 7s 6d, 7s 4d, buyer 7s, seller 7s 4d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 4s 10d, buyer 4s 10d, seller 5s; Kalgoorlie Mint, 16s, buyer 15s 9d, seller 16s 3d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £5 14s, £5 13s, buyer £5 13s, seller £5 16s; Lady Mary South, 1s 4½d, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 2d; Lady Sherry, paid, 2s 5d, 2s 7d, 2s 6d, buyer 2s 6d, seller 2s 7d; Lady Sherry, contributing, 7d, 7½d, buyer 6½d, seller 7½d; Lake View Extended, 18s; Lake View South, paid, 26s, 26s 6d, 26s, buyer 26s, seller 26s 3d; M'Pherson's Reward, 1s 9d, 1s 11d, 1s 9d; Midas, 11d, 8½d, seller 9d; Mount Benson, paid, 2s 6d, seller 2s 9d; ditto, contributing, 2s 7d; Mount Benson, contributing, 2s 6d, 2s 6d, seller 2s 9d; North Kalgurli, 38s, buyer 37s 6d, seller 38s; No. 1 North Norseman, new, 2s 1d, 2s, 2s 3d, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 4d; Premier South, 1s 11d, 1s 8d, 1s 8½d, buyer 1s 8d, seller 1s 9d; Queen Margaret Central, 1s, buyer 11d, seller 1s 1d; South Kalgurli, 49s, buyer 48s, seller 49s 6d; Three Colonies, contributing, 11d, 7d, 8½d, 6½d, 7d, buyer 7d, seller 7½d.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

There were no sales to-day on the Brisbane Stock Exchange.

Queensland Stock Exchange sales:—Great Eastern, 1s; Dunn Kelland, 1s 6d; Great New Zealand, 6d; Wilmot Extended, 1s 4½d.

There is considerable activity at Chillagoe, the prospectors being busy. A local syndicate has found, 35 miles from Girofla, the largest surface copper lode yet seen. It has been traced for a distance of a mile. A southern syndicate has offered £5000 for the find, but the offer has been refused.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The British Mill last week treated approximately 1850 tons crudes for improved results. Under ground there is practically no change anywhere.

Block 14 mill last week treated 2307 tons of crudes, producing 735 tons concentrates and slimes of fair value. Lately a small quantity of carbonates has been sent to the mill for dressing; but it is the intention shortly to materially increase the treatment of these oxidised ores of inferior grade. It is proposed to use the northern shaft for hauling purposes on a more extended scale than hitherto, and to facilitate matters an overhead tramway will be built from the shaft for the transit of ores to the mill, where large bins will be erected for their reception.

The B. H. South mill last week treated 1747 tons of crudes and zinc tailings, producing 540 tons of concentrates of good lead value. Despatches were:—313 tons bagged concentrates, leaving a balance of 1684 tons on the local ore floors. Mr. Alexander Stewart, general manager of the Proprietary mine, returned from Port Pirie this morning. He states that at the present moment there is enough water to keep the Port Pirie furnaces going. A well sunk in the reservoir is returning a fair supply of water. A steam pump is being used in raising ore. The reserves there were running short owing to the washaway, but an ample supply is now on the road.

BULONG, Monday.

Injunctions to-day were granted against alluvial diggers by Warden Troy, restraining the men from trespassing on the Margaret South Extended mine. A party of four men applied for a claim on the same lease, but the warden dismissed the application, saying that he would give costs against the men in future, as the applicants only caused the leaseholders a lot of expense. The Princess Margaret is cleaning up. The green lode stone will then be treated.

CAPTAIN'S FLAT, Tuesday.

All the furnaces at the Lake George Mines, Limited, are in full blast to-day. The air compressor has been rebuilt and started, and is working satisfactorily. Mining under contract was commenced this morning.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Tuesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales and quotations were:—Band of Hope, buyer 26s; ditto, paid, buyer 27s; Bonnie Dundee, buyer 3s 7d, seller 3s 10d; Brilliant Central, buyer 5s 10d, seller 6s 4d; Brilliant Freehold, buyer 10d, seller 1s, sales 1s; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 3d; Brilliant St. George United, buyer 41s, seller 43s; ditto, paid, buyer 42s, seller 44s; Brilliant Extended, buyer 7s 3d, seller 7s 4d, sales 7s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 8s 6d, seller 8s 8d, sales 8s 6d; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, buyer 7s, seller 7s 5d; Craven's Caledonia, N.L., buyer 2s 9½d, seller 2s 10½d; C.T. Pyrites Co., buyer 4s 10d; Day Dawn P. C., buyer 3s 11d, seller 4s; Day Dawn S. Reserve, paid, seller 1s 3d; Kelly's Queen Block, buyer 13s 8d, seller 13s 10d, sales 13s 8d, 13s 7d; ditto, paid, buyer 14s 9d, seller 15s 3d; Lady Florence, buyer 2s 8½d, seller 2s 10d, sales 3s, 2s 11d; Marshall's Queen, buyer 2s 2½d, seller 2s 4½d; Moonstone Consols, buyer 4s 2d, seller 4s 5d; Moonstone Extended P. C., buyer 10d, seller 11d, sales 10½d; Moonstone (Towers) Extended Block, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 4½d; New Queen, buyer 6s 10½d, seller 6s 11d, sales 6s 10½d, 6s 11d; North Queen, buyer 1s 1½d, seller 1s 2d, sales 1s 2d; No. 1 West Victoria, buyer 1s 9d, seller 1s 11d; Papuan Brilliant and Victory, N.L., buyer 8s 10d, seller 9s 3½d; Phœbe, buyer 12s, seller 13s; Queen Central, buyer 2s 10d, seller 3s; ditto, paid, buyer 4s, seller 4s 8d; Victoria and Queen, buyer 8s 7d, seller 9s; Victoria and Caledonia Block, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s 5d; Victoria G.M. Association, buyer 7s 9d, seller 8s; Victory, buyer 9s 2d, seller 9s 7d; ditto, paid up, buyer 9s 6d.

The Victory Company has crushed 118 tons of stone for 495oz. gold.

GYMPIE, Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports:—South Glanmire and Monkland Company has crushed 605 tons of stone for a yield of 1000oz. amalgam. Sales: Columbia No. 2 North, 3s 1d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, 4s 11d, 5s; Oriental No. 1 North, 4s 1d; North Smithfield, 44s, 43s 9d.

To-night's quotations:—Columbia and Smithfield, seller 17s 6d, buyer 16s 9d; Great Eastern No. 1 South, seller 19s 3d, buyer 18s 10d; Oriental and Glanmire, seller 22s, buyer 19s 6d; Oriental No. 2 North, seller 1s 7½d, buyer 1s 6½d; Phœnix No. 5 North, seller 15s, buyer 14s 6d; Golden Pile, seller 16s 6d, buyer 15s 6d; Phœnix No. 3 North, seller 16s 6d, buyer 15s 6d.

HOBART, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Clifton, buyer 3s 8d, seller 4s; Colebrook, buyer 23s 6d, seller 27s; Hercules, buyer 26s, seller 27s 6d; South Hercules, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 10d; Hercules Consols, paid, seller 9d; Mount Black Proprietary, buyer 6s 1d, seller 6s 2d; ditto, paid, buyer 6s 9d; Glen Lyell, buyer 1s 4d, seller 1s 6d; Mount Lyell, seller £14 6s 6d; Central Lyell, seller 2s 3d; Mount Reid, seller 18s 6d; Oonah, buyer 8s 9d, seller 9s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 8s 11d, seller 9s 3d.

KANOWNA, Monday.

Forty-five tons of cement from Silva's claim on the deep lead yielded, when crushed, 195oz. gold. Kelly's claim last week yielded 253oz. Otto's claim is turning out 50oz. per week. Miller's claim has produced over 1000oz. The mint returns of gold raised from the mine manager's claim show the value to be £4 4s 1d, supposed to be the richest gold produced in the colony. A petition has been sent to the Minister to grant a battery site on the lead. It is intended if the request be acceded to to erect numbers of Tremain mills. The tailings from the mine manager's crushing are worth over 3oz. of gold fine. A cyanide plant is to be erected at Kanowna to treat cement tailings.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

The Golden Pike shaft is down 494ft., and is the deepest in Western Australia. It is the intention of the manager to continue sinking to 600ft. straight away, and not to crosscut at 500ft. Boulder Consols No. 1, which adjoins the Trafalgar mine on the south, has its shaft down 183ft. near the boundary, on the same lode as the Trafalgar. The shaft is on the hanging wall. At 200ft. they will crosscut 20ft. to the east for the footwall and for the rich vein being worked in the adjoining mine. The new rich lode on the Australia East, one of the Associated Gold Mines, Limited, continues to open out well, the value still being over 7oz. gold per ton. Another new shaft on the lode near the mill is down 44ft., the shaft being all in lode, which is worth 2oz. In the Trafalgar mine the drive north at 200ft. is in 49ft. on the footwall, the lode still being high grade and all over the face. The main shaft is down 35ft., and poppet-legs will be erected by next week. The Great Boulder find of telluride has been much exaggerated. The management states that about 1cwt. of ore has been taken from the pocket, but, outside of the samples, the find is of no value to the mine. The lode is 2ft. thick, and the stone carries a general average of nearly 1oz. to the ton. The discovery was made in the new lode, about 28ft. west of the main lode, and 126ft. north of the main shaft. The management has cabled to England that the specimens are fine, but that the find is of little value from a mining point of view. Mr. Z. Lane, consulting engineer to the Great Boulder Perseverance mine, will probably arrange before leaving when and what plant will be erected on the Perseverance property.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales and quotations were:—Tasmania, buyer £4 18s, seller £4 19s; Oonah, seller 9s; Sylvester, buyer 6½d, seller 8d; Colebrook, buyer 23s 6d, seller 25s 6d; West Colebrook, seller 2s; Curtin and Davis, buyer 2s, seller 3s; Hercules, seller 27s 6d; South Hercules, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 7d; Mount Lyell, seller £13 18s; Glen Lyell, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 8d; Crown Lyell, seller 20s; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s 8d, seller 1s 11d; King Lyell, paid, seller 3s; Prince Lyell, seller 4s 9d; West Extended, paid, seller 37s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 28s; Mount Black Proprietary, paid, buyer 6s 9d, seller 7s 2d; Mount Reid, seller 18s 6d; Koonya, seller 28s; Primrose, buyer 10s 6d, seller 11s; Red Hills, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s 6d; Briseis, tin, seller 10s.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

There was a dull market to-day and a reduced volume of business for mining companies. Sales: B. H. Proprietary, 42s; North Broken, 5s 6d; Lake George Mines, 34s; Crown Lyell, 19s 3d, 18s 6d, 20s, 19s 9d; ditto, paid, 19s 6d, 19s, 20s 3d; Mount Lyell, £13 15s; North Mount Lyell, £6 10s, £6 13s; Clifton, 3s 9d; Colebrook, 23s; Dora Reward, 3s; Glen Lyell, 1s 4d, 1s 5d; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 1s 7d, 1s 9d; Lyell Tharsis, 28s; Mount Lyell Consols, 13s; ditto Extended, 23s; North Crown Lyell, 2s 7d, 2s 10d; Prince Lyell, 4s 3d, 4s 4d; Queen Lyell, paid, 3s 10d; Rocky River, paid, 16s; Royal Dora, 2s; Royal Tharsis, 4s 8d, 4s 10d; South Tharsis, 13s 9d; Tasman Lyell, 74s, 72s; Western Tharsis, 2s 6d; Central Mount Lyell, 1s 9d; Oceana, 6d, 7d; South Hercules, 2s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, 82s 6d; Glen Fyne, 11s; New Normanby, 8s 9d; Chalk's No. 1, 3s 3d; Great Southern No. 1, 62s; M'Evoy, 2s 9d, 3s 10d; New Chum Railway, 34s 6d; Long Tunnel Extended, £24 10s; Victor's Quartz, 9s 3d, 9s 5d; Great South Long Tunnel, 2s 9d; Long Tunnel, £78; New Chum, St. Arnaud, 1s 6d; New Morning Star, 1s; Rokewood Central, 2s 6d; South Glen Fyne, 4s.

PAMBULA, Tuesday.

The Mount Gahan Company's 450ft. level is now in over 100ft., and they are expecting every day to cut the lode. The Falkner's Company is again in full swing under new management. The pumps are readily keeping the water down in the mine, and the battery is working full time on fair stone. Hough's battery and plant are being taken down prior to removal to Wolumla. The prospectors' battery at Wolumla started work again yesterday.

WATTLE FLAT, Tuesday.

A healthier tone seems to prevail here in mining matters. At the Great Victoria G. M. Company, Limited, work is being pushed well ahead. The sinking of the old Solitary shaft continues, and they are down between 460ft. and 470ft., the reef being 5ft. in thickness, well mineralised, and showing fair gold. In the 300ft. level they are driving on a small cross-vein about 6in. in thickness, showing nice gold. The underground workings are in splendid order, but the old shaft is far too small, there being only one haulage way. At H. M'Cudden's claim at Paling Yards everything is in full working order, and the battery is going. The reef looks well, maintaining its size and showing good gold. At Haegney's reef, Bullock Flat, operations have been resumed, but the water continues to be a great drawback. At Clear Creek a new find has been struck by Sinclair and party, who have sold out to some speculators. The vein looks well and seems to improve as depth is attained. Riley's Creek Amalgamated has just finished a crushing of 80 tons, with good results. At Williams's claim, Casey's Hill, there is nothing doing. A party of three tributors are working, but more in the way of holding the ground than anything else. At the Big Oakey mine they are still pegging away on a large body of stone. Eidridge and party, who have a part of this mine on tribute, have struck a fine body of good stone, from which a crushing has given a return of 15dwt. gold per ton. Work has also been started in the O. K. Crawford Brothers, at Caledonian, are raising stone, the reef of which still maintains its size. The vein averages about 10ft., and is good enough for half an ounce per ton right through, as the crushings have proved, the last crushing being 75 tons for 38oz. At the Surface Hill Gold-mining Company the contractors will finish this week. The tunnel is now in a distance of about 459ft., the country being still hard. At the Newcastle and Stockton Company one party of tributors is working with fair results. At Whalan's Hill (W. Cambell's) levels are being driven.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

Reports from White Cliff by to-day's mail state that the recent rainfall totalled 840 points. The majority of the miners have been busy during the week bailing water out of their shafts or sinking fresh ones, so that very little opal has been found. On the company's blocks the management has again started working in the open cut, prospects in the face being very encouraging. There is a seam of opal 40ft. wide in view showing good colours. Several small sales have been made from blocks 3, 4, and 5 during the week. Excellent prospects are showing on block 12. On a four-acre claim and 100ft. lot work has been more or less affected by water. Many of the workings on blocks 14 and 20 have also been affected by water. Good opal is reported to have been struck at a depth of 20ft. at Flannigan's claim, Purnanga. Several opal buyers are still on the field.

WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

A rich chute of sulphide ore has been cut in the Junction mine at the 354ft. level, 80ft. north from the shaft. The lode is 10in. wide, and assayed 9oz. 16dwt. of gold per ton. The ore is being bagged when brought to the surface. The Star of the East mine is crosscutting west in search of the lode at a depth of 180ft. The Hill Top Syndicate is sinking the main shaft a depth of 235ft. in hard country. Stanley's Great Western, near Yalgogrin, has treated 9 tons of stone at Barnett Gough's battery for a yield of 7oz. 13dwt. 18gr. gold; also 2½ tons of ore at Sully's works for a yield of 3oz. 12dwt. 12gr.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

It is reported that a very wealthy British Columbian syndicate has taken over Mr. Philip Davies's new mine at Mitchell's Creek for a period extending over 12 months, with the intention of thoroughly developing the property with a view to purchasing it.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—
Princess Royal, Norseman, February 23, 1s.
Union, Pitfield, February 23, 6d.
Great Southern, Garden Gully, Bendigo, February 24, 1s.
New Chum Railway, Bendigo, February 24, 1s 6d.
Queen Cross Reef, C.T., 6d.
Mount Bischoff, Tasmania, February 26, 7s 6d.
Great Northern Extended, Rutherglen, February 28, 3s.
Victoria G. M. Association, C. T., March 7, 6d.
Brilliant, Charters Towers, 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Great Western, Yalgogrin, 11½ tons, 11oz. 6dwt. 6gr.
South Glanmire and Monkland, Gympie, 605 tons (amalgam), 1000oz.
Victory, Charters Towers, 118 tons, 495oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Band of Hope and Albion Consols, No Liability, Ballarat, February 19.—Consols line—1900ft. level: North drive, total 957ft. Track of lode 4ft. wide, carrying 2½ft. strong stone; no gold seen. Winze below this level down 67ft., passing through 6ft. stone. The lower portion pitching east, shows gold in breaking; a bore put in east 4ft. struck strong stream of water. Guiding Star line: Drive south carrying stone 2ft. wide. One stope going showing gold.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, week ended February 9.—Smelting plant No. 1: Five furnaces in operation. Work for No. 6 furnace in progress. Smelting plant No. 2: Excavation for site well in hand. Converter plant: No. 3 boiler completely mounted and bricked in; various pipe connections in progress. 5229 tons of blister copper consigned to date, being 1934 tons for the current half year; total production to date, 5291 tons.

New Birthday Company, Dunolly, February 19.—Contractor for removal and re-erection of pumping plant is making good progress.

North Long Tunnel, Walhalla, February 16.—1700ft.: North level, total 288ft.; strata in end slate elvan, and a small pug vein carrying a little quartz. South level, total 532ft. Lode 12in., carrying mundic, galena, and gold in the solid stone.

Star of the East, Ballarat, February 19.—No. 1 shaft, 2000ft. level: North drive now in from crosscut 33ft; lode formation 2½ft. wide, composed of slate and quartz intermixed. No. 2 shaft, 1800ft. level: Extension of west crosscut being proceeded with. 1500ft. level: North drive on course of lode, now distant 42 ft.; face carrying 18in. of stone; country somewhat disturbed. South drive total 45ift.; stone is 18in. in width. Main rise, 100ft.; lode, 2ft., wearing usual appearance. Driving intermediate drive north has been resumed. Stopes throughout the mine maintain very fair output of medium stone. 1100ft. level: Full length, 1678ft. 1000ft. level: South end, intermediate drive north from rise is opening up large body of well-mineralised stone, which shows gold in breaking. Crushed 1225 tons for 399oz. 3dwt. bar gold.

Girilambone Copper-mining Company, No Liability, week ended February 18.—300ft. level: Stopes looking fairly well. 200ft. level: South-west drive in black ore. Not looking quite so well. 70ft. west of this shaft the drive going south in carbonates and grey ore. Making preparations for opening up these bodies of ore from an intermediate level. 140ft. level: Stopes without material change. Commenced stoping back of 100ft. level south shaft. Lode is 4ft. wide, of good red oxide and grey ore. Concentrating plant worked five days, treated 382 tons of crude ore, producing 61 tons of first-grade concentrates. Ore smelted, 89 tons, producing nine tons of copper.

Lake George Proprietary Company, No Liability, February 22.—Chapman's shaft: Crosscut from the 142ft. level driven further 10ft.; ground much harder; got into hard grain of quartz carrying much pyrites, giving out a great quantity of water, making it difficult to contend with. Owing to the difficulty of contending with water at both Chapman's and Copeland's shafts all work has been suspended pending the decision of shareholders at meeting on Monday next as to future operations.

New Royal Standard Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Stewart's Brook, week ended February 19.—North stopes: No. 3 stope, total 105ft.; No. 4, 82ft.; No. 5, 21ft. South stopes: No. 3 stope, total 75ft.; No. 4, 52ft.; No. 5, 30ft. Winze, total 25ft. 120ft. level: North drive, total 15ft.; south drive, total 21ft.

Sunlight Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Hillgrove, fortnight ended February 21.—Battery crushed 412 tons for 185oz. smelted gold, and approximately 8oz. in two tons concentrates. Ground below No. 5 level now being opened up is giving promise of a bonanza lode going downward, carrying a fair proportion of solid stone, giving excellent prospects. No. 6 level, total 123ft. east and west of the winze, No. 2 winze, total 60ft.; lode about same as previously reported. Good progress is being made with main shaft, depth now being 12ft. Stopes are giving the usual supply of ore. The quantity crushed is reduced by a stoppage through a flood in the creek, which brought down an accumulation of slum.

PRINCE BISMARCK'S MONUMENT IN BERLIN.

For the past seven years the money for the Bismarck monument has been fully subscribed (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette"), and now at last the plans for its erection are seriously being considered. The sculptor is, of course, Herr Begas, who enjoys a monopoly for official statues in Berlin—at least, whenever the choice rests with the Kaiser. At the last moment fresh difficulties have arisen. The monument is to be placed in front of the principal façade of the Reichstag, and the architect of the Legislative Palace, Herr Wallot, has had a word to say regarding the arrangement. He demanded that the Bismarck monument should be set up at a distance of 120 metres from the Reichstag, as if placed nearer it would sink into insignificance beside the gigantic pile of legislative buildings. The committee, however, on which Herr Begas plays the leading role, has decided on a spot not more than 60 metres away from the edifice; and in consequence of this Herr Wallot has announced his retirement from the committee. It is now probable the Kaiser will be asked to give his decision upon the question of distance. It must really be conceded that the position of German Kaiser and King of Prussia is no sinecure, since, when he does not examine a thing by his own prerogative, his loyal subjects insist upon seeking his opinion.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

DUBBO, Monday.

Last week's stock passings were:—60 head cattle, Bullimore to Terra Bella, Stevenson Brothers owners, J. Gillis in charge; 8090 wethers, Waganora to Dubbo, E. M. Carr owner; 50 fat cattle, Narromine to Dubbo, P. Cooper owner; 30 fat cattle, Burroway to Dubbo, E. Thompson owner; 509 sheep, Gilgandra to Eumalga, W. Brownlow owner.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Monday.

A drove of prime fat wethers, 1800 in number, passed through here by road yesterday afternoon bound for Flemington from W. F. Buchanan's Killarney station, 280 miles from here, near Narrabri. They have been five weeks on the road.

WAGGA, Monday.

Wagga stock passings: 1100 sheep, P. Nugent, jun., Mundawadders to Humula; 43 fat bullocks, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Borambola to Melbourne, via Wagga, by rail; 900 merino sheep, Mrs. A. M. M'Intyre, Bunyan's Farm, Cookardinia, to Oura Lane, via Wagga; 30 fat bullocks and cows, J. H. Spiller, Yarrangundry to Melbourne, via Wagga, by rail; 65 cows and bullocks, J. M'Garry, Ganmain to Melbourne, via Wagga, by rail; 45 bullocks, Naughton, Wagingoberambee to Melbourne, by rail.

BRITISH TRADE WITH JAPAN.

A report to the Foreign Office on the state of trade in Japan has been published as a Parliamentary paper (says the "St. James's Gazette"). In Japan not only do the people enjoy a constitutional government more or less responsible to the people in general, but in all branches of the administration the keenest attention appears to be given to the promotion and publication of every measure that can tend directly or indirectly towards the advancement of the industrial capacity of the people and to the development of foreign trade. Nothing that Government patronage and interest can do to encourage legitimately the commercial and industrial tendencies of the people is left undone; and if the Japanese fail to attain the high position among the trading nations which now appears to be a national ambition as strong as attaining military glory, it will be only the fault of the people themselves and not that of their rulers. The result of such encouragement to trade has been most marked in the past 26 years, the period which may be said to have elapsed since the final overthrow of the relics of feudalism, and the firm establishment of the centralised Imperial Government. The value of the foreign trade of Japan has grown from 48,000,000 to 288,000,000 dols. In the course of the remarks on British trade, it is pointed out that the Germans push business in Japan better than the English; and it is a subject of remark, if not precisely of complaint, that English makers show less eagerness to secure orders than their continental or American rivals.

There exists in Russia a district which is wholly administered, and for the greater part of the year exclusively inhabited, by the fair sex. It comprises some 15 square miles in the province of Smolensk. In the early spring all the able-bodied males emigrate in search of work to the large towns, and remain absent for nine months or more, leaving their wives and daughters to cultivate the fields and manage local affairs generally under the presidency of a Mayoress. Before nightfall the ladies assemble in a sort of clubhouse and play cards till 1 or 2 in the morning. Moreover, against the return of the men-folk, they brew quantities of braga, or small beer, and cook numbers of piroghs, or patties. This Adamless Eden is one of the most prosperous and best conducted portions of the empire, and the Czarina takes a strong interest in its welfare.

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Municipal Elections.

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INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA VICTORIOUS BY 295.

COLLAPSE OF NEW SOUTH WALES BATSMEN.

The conclusion of the match between New South Wales and South Australia was witnessed by about 1500 people yesterday, when victory rested with the South Australians by the substantial margin of 295 runs. With 421 to avert defeat New South Wales could respond with only 126, a collapse that is to be attributed partly to the bad batting of the home team and fine bowling by Jones and Evans, particularly the former.

With six wickets for 387, Jarvis 142, and Evans 6, the not-out men, continued their innings. Donnan sent down an over to enable Noble to bowl from the southern end, and M'Kibbin was called upon to carry on the attack from the pavilion end. Shortly after commencement M'Kenzie retired, owing to indisposition, and Giffen took his place. In M'Kibbin's first over Evans gave Gregory a chance of catching which was not accepted, and a few minutes later Jarvis made himself 150 with a fine off-drive at M'Kibbin's expense, and the 400 appeared on the signal board, the time occupied over the task being a few minutes under five and a half hours. Kelly here resigned the pads and Evers took his position at the wickets. With the arrival of a substitute—Owens, a ground man—the Australian wicketkeeper retired from the field in consequence of illhealth. At 408, the end of Jarvis's long occupation of the crease came to an end. He returned a ball softly to Noble. His compilation of 154 included 23 fours, and he was at the wickets 260 minutes and gave only one chance, that to the wicketkeeper on the previous day. Jones followed, and opened with a leg-stroke for 4, and the next was lifted over third man's head for a like number. Evans at 17 should have been taken by Donnan, who was fielding on the off slightly deeper than the place usually assigned to "silly" point. This was off M'Kibbin. After a period of unscientific cricket Jones was well caught and bowled by Noble for 19. The eighth wicket fell for 438. Hugo came next, and Evans welcomed him with a sound off-drive, but in trying to repeat the effort he was well secured by Youll, who was fielding in the place where Donnan had previously missed Evans. Youll was fielding as substitute for Coningham, who was not present at the commencement of play. Evans in registering his 32 gave two chances, fairly easy ones. M'Kenzie, the last man, became associated with Hugo, and the latter was immediately run out, and the innings, which had extended a little over six hours, closed for 442.

THE BOWLING.

The punishment dealt out to Noble came as a considerable surprise after his long list of successes during the present season. It is evident that on Monday he had an off-day, as 124 runs were recorded against him for no wicket, though on the previous day his two victims were secured for 14, and yesterday he obtained a further couple for 26. As it is unreasonable to expect a batsman to score on every opportunity, so it is equally unreasonable to look forward to a bowler keeping up top form throughout a season, and, moreover, Noble has had an extremely heavy succession of matches. M'Kibbin's one wicket, taken yesterday, cost 72 runs. Newell, with two wickets for 37, comes out with the best average, and, taking into consideration his excellent length and accuracy on Monday, his average was merited. The fielding was again uncertain.

A HEAVY TASK AND A COMPLETE FAILURE.

With 421 to avert defeat N.S.W. started a few minutes before luncheon with Donnan and Trumper to the bowling of Evans and Jones. The latter bowled at a terrific pace, and occasionally the ball rose uncomfortably high. With 14 up the fast bowler clean bowled Donnan's centre stump. The ball was a half volley, and the batsman appeared to be caught between two minds, and actually drew slightly away from the ball. With the fall of this wicket luncheon adjournment took place, the board showing 1-8-14.

JONES AND EVANS HAVE A DAY OUT.

Gregory was Trumper's companion on resuming, and he commenced very well, getting Jones away nicely to fine leg to the boundary, and a couple of cleverly run singles were notched. The spectators had great faith in the present partnership, but it was misplaced, for at 20 Trumper played a bad stroke to an off-ball from Evans, and in doing so left his crease, and was stumped. Then came a great collapse. Pye was caught and bowled by Evans for a couple. Gregory was bowled off his pads with a very fast one from Jones with only 28 recorded, the New South Wales captain's quota being 11. Mackenzie had a couple of lives for 9, he should have been stumped off Evans, but with no further addition to his credit he was despatched by Jones with a wonderfully good delivery, which came along at a fairly rapid pace, and actually swerved in its course. Mackenzie just touched the ball. There were now five wickets down for 51, and it was recognised that the home team were engaged in a hopeless undertaking. Newell arrived upon the scene, and was at once well caught by Lyons at point off the fast bowler without any alteration in the total.

NOBLE AND CONINGHAM OFFER A SLIGHT RESISTANCE.

Noble was keeping one end intact. Coningham's first experience was a severe blow from Jones which caused the former to limp considerably to the rather melancholy amusement of the crowd. This was shortly followed by another blow. Noble was batting confidently, executing several effective strokes, and gradually increasing the total, while now and then Coningham would get Jones away. With the score at 99, Noble, just at the time that he looked good for a long innings, provided he had anyone to remain with him, made a very feeble stroke back to Evans and departed for 38. As though the home team's cup of bitterness was not sufficiently supplied Coningham when 24 was thrown out by Reedman in attempting a short run. Eight for 102. Evers and Kelly were now together, but with the addition of 11 the former received a severe blow from Jones, and was laid out for some time. It then being 4 o'clock, adjournment for afternoon tea took place, Evers being 7 and Kelly 5.

Continuing after a quarter of an hour's rest, Evers increased his figures to 10, at which Jones, with a fast ball that broke from the centre and off stump to the centre and leg, clean bowled him. M'Kibbin, like the rest, did not last long, being caught by Darling off Evans, and the innings closed for 126, and South Australia won by the great margin of 295 runs.

THE BOWLING.

Jones and Evans bowled unchanged throughout the innings. On one occasion only did there seem any show of a respectable total being recorded, and that was during the partnership of Noble and Coningham. Of the whole eleven the former alone appeared to feel confident when opposed to the fast bowler. The following are the scores:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

J. Darling, c Pye, b Noble	75
J. J. Lyons, c Gregory, b Noble	28
C. Hill, c Noble, b M'Kibbin	0
J. C. Reedman, c Gregory, b Noble	67
F. Jarvis, c Evers, b Noble	20
W. Giffen, b Trumper	38
A. Evans, run out	1
A. Green, not out	35
E. Jones, b Trumper	5
V. Hugo, b Trumper	1
J. M'Kenzie, c Newell, b Trumper	4
Sundries	15
Total	289

Bowling Analysis.—Noble, 36 overs, 10 maidens, 95 runs, 4 wickets; M'Kibbin, 23 overs, 5 maidens, 89 runs, 1 wicket; Coningham, 10 overs, 4 maidens, 31 runs; Trumper, 6.5 overs, 1 maiden, 32 runs, 4 wickets; Newell, 7 overs, 5 maidens, 5 runs; Pye, 6 overs, 22 runs.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

M. A. Noble, b Jones	27
V. Trumper, run out	68
S. E. Gregory, c Reedman, b Jones	83
A. C. K. Mackenzie, b Evans	6
H. Donnan, c and b Reedman	34
L. W. Pye, b Jones	9
H. A. Evers, c M'Kenzie, b Jones	4
A. L. Newell, b Jones	4
A. Coningham, b Jones	51
J. J. Kelly, not out	9
T. R. M'Kibbin, c Giffen, b Hugo	1
Sundries	14
Total	310

Bowling Analysis.—Jones, 35 overs, 6 maidens, 140 runs, 6 wickets; Evans, 24 overs, 4 maidens, 73 runs, 1 wicket; Reedman, 14 overs, 3 maidens, 47 runs, 1 wicket; Hugo, 6.2 overs, 35 runs, 1 wicket. Reedman bowled 3 no-balls.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Second Innings.

J. J. Lyons, c M'Kibbin, b Noble	5
J. Darling, b Noble	16
J. C. Reedman, b Trumper	21
C. Hill, b Donnan	170
F. Jarvis, c and b Noble	154
W. Giffen, b Newell	1
A. Green, b Newell	8
A. Evans, c Youll, b M'Kibbin	32
E. Jones, c and b Noble	19
V. Hugo, run out	0
M'Kenzie, not out	0
Sundries	16
Total	442

Bowling Analysis.—Noble, 42 overs, 8 maidens, 164 runs, 4 wickets; M'Kibbin, 19 overs, 3 maidens, 72 runs, 1 wicket; Trumper, 16 overs, 3 maidens, 53 runs, 1 wicket; Coningham, 9 overs, 2 maidens, 40 runs; Pye, 5 overs, 1 maiden, 19 runs; Newell, 23 overs, 12 maidens, 37 runs, 2 wickets; Donnan, 11 overs, 2 maidens, 41 runs, 1 wicket. Noble bowled 6 wides. M'Kibbin, 1. Newell bowled 1 no-ball, and Donnan 2.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

Donnan, b Jones	8
Trumper, st M'Kenzie, b Evans	7
Pye, c and b Evans	2
Gregory, b Jones	11
Mackenzie, b Jones	9
Newell, c Lyons, b Jones	0
Noble, c and b Evans	38
Coningham, thrown out	24
Evers, b Jones	10
M'Kibbin, c Darling, b Evans	8
Kelly, not out	7
Sundries	2
Total	126

Bowling Analysis.—Jones, 19 overs, 4 maidens, 62 runs, 5 wickets; Evans, 18.5 overs, 3 maidens, 62 runs, 4 wickets. Jones bowled a wide.

At the conclusion of the match the two teams and the officers of the New South Wales Cricket Association met in the pavilion, and the toast of each team was honoured.

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CITY COUNCIL INQUIRY.

WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

The investigation by a committee of the whole of the City Council into the working of the various departments of the corporation was continued at the Town Hall yesterday, under the presidency of the Mayor (Alderman Matthew Harris).

The examination of Mr. R. W. Richards (city surveyor) was continued. In answer to Alderman Hart Mr. Richards said that he had never been absent from his office without having obtained leave from the Mayor. He had come to the conclusion that he could dispense with the services of certain officers and thus reduce the expenditure by from £30 to £40 a week. The creation from time to time of various boards, whose operations led to the opening up of the roads and footways of the city, had necessitated increased vigilance on his part to protect the interests of the city. He was absent for nine months, and so far as he was aware the duties of his department were during his absence carried out satisfactorily. During the time he was absent from the colony his services cost the corporation about £1275, including his salary. He did not think it would be advisable for this council to conduct its operations on the lines of the London County Council. The best information to be got on sanitary matters and street cleansing was to be obtained from the city of Berlin, which he regarded from that standpoint as a better city than London.

Alderman Hart questioned Mr. Richards upon a large number of subjects relating to municipal government in London, such as the police force, assessments, drainage on the Thames, fire brigades; and as Mr. Hart seemed somewhat surprised that Mr. Richards had not in the course of the six months which he spent in England made himself thoroughly familiar with all these questions Mr. Richards said apologetically that he could not possibly have done all that Alderman Hart seemed to have expected him to do within the time at his disposal. If he (Mr. Richards) had remained until now he could not have hoped to accomplish all that was expected from him by Alderman Hart. So far as the question of "assessments" was concerned, that was a subject which he did not pretend to have any knowledge of. It was essentially a subject for a city treasurer to deal with.

In the course of further examination Mr. Richards said that so far as the question of abattoirs was concerned, England was no more advanced than Sydney, because in England there were numerous private slaughterhouses, and wherever they were permitted it was impossible to have a complete slaughtering system. The Continental system was far superior to that of England.

Alderman Hart: Did you inquire into the question of the housing of the working classes?

Mr. Richards: I have in my possession particulars relating to them, but really I have never read them. I confined myself to collecting such information as would be of immediate use to this corporation.

Alderman Hart then catechised Mr. Richards upon the subjects of lodging-houses, technical education, and tramways owned by municipalities.

Alderman Jeanneret asked whether aldermen generally would be allowed to traverse the whole of the ground which was being gone over by Alderman Hart, and cross-examine Mr. Richards? He could see what the tendency of these questions was as indicating the views of Alderman Hart, but his own views were in an altogether different direction.

The Mayor, after assuring Alderman Jeanneret that he would be allowed to cross-examine Mr. Richards, as he put it, said he had allowed Alderman Hart a lot of latitude because that gentleman had just come from his travels, and was evidently desirous of obtaining information.

Alderman Hart next questioned Mr. Richards relative to destructors, and asked a question which, being taken exception to by Mr. Richards as being personal, was disallowed by the Mayor.

The next part of the examination touched upon the qualifications of Mr. Richards as city surveyor. Mr. Richards described what his training had been and the kind of experience he had had.

In answer to Alderman Dean, Mr. Richards said that he had considered matters relating to the economical working of his department. For some time past the corporation had been paying wages which were above the rates ruling in the city. Some of the men employed in his department had been engaged in connection with it for some years, were very old, and were practically past work. He had not considered it his duty to recommend that the services of those men should be dispensed with.

Mr. Richards was next examined by Alderman Landers relative to details connected with the direction of the city surveyor's department, and also regarding certain destructors. Mr. Richards said that prior to his visit to England the Sydney agent of Goddard, Massey, and Warner interviewed him. That agent had also interviewed him since his return from England. There was nothing that was private nor confidential at either of those interviews—nothing that could not be communicated to the council.

Mr. Richards, addressing the Mayor, said he would be glad if the corporation would communicate with the City Council of Adelaide and obtain documents relating to the destructor offered to that council. If that course were adopted, perhaps it would enable him to institute a comparison between the destructor he recommended should be obtained for Sydney and that offered to Adelaide.

At the request of Alderman Jessep, who spoke on behalf of the garbage destruction committee, the Mayor said he would wire to the Adelaide City Council for a copy of the specifications connected with an offer to supply a destructor complete at a cost of £5500.

The inquiry will be resumed this morning.

BI-METALLIC LEAGUE.

The third annual meeting of the Bimetallic League of New South Wales was held at 6 Spring-street on Monday. Amongst those present were—Mr. W. Alison (president), Messrs. A. W. Meeks, W. J. Spencer, W. Pearse, W. S. Forbes, J. Salenger (vice-presidents), and others. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Hon. William Allen (Q.), E. Jowett (Vic.), E. Pratt (Cooma), and others.

Mr. W. Alison was re-elected president, and Messrs. Meeks, Pearse, Wright, Forbes, Muggridge, Spencer, Henderson, George Fox (Q.), Hon. W. Allen (Q.), Lumley Hill (Q.), Murray Prior (Q.), and W. E. Abbott were elected vice-presidents. Mr. A. W. Pearse was re-elected honorary secretary.

The president, in an address, said that since the last annual meeting the cause had made great progress, and was all but successful, but at the moment of apparent triumph received a check from an unexpected quarter. The progress was shown by the fact that the United States and France mutually agreed to re-open their mints to the free coinage of silver at the ratio which was the law prior to 1873. It was no small advance in public opinion that two nations of such wealth and magnitude agree that it is to their interest to restore the monetary system they so disastrously abolished in 1873. Agreement between them was complete, and nothing was required but the reopening of the Indian Mints. This had been promised in the most distinct language by the present English Government. The last Liberal Government had closed the Indian Mints at a moment's notice. The Hindoos had been from time immemorial in the habit of melting down their rupees and converting them into silver ornaments and bangles, which were used in this manner as their Savings Banks. As we invest our savings in Savings Banks, they invest their savings in the above way. From the earliest days they have had the right to reconvert these silver ornaments into rupees. For its own purposes the conquering nation robbed them of this right. The poorest classes suffered the most, but the banks suffered severely by the deprivation of the right to coin their silver bullion. They could realise what was done by supposing a conqueror of New South Wales issued an edict that every deposit in a savings bank should be halved, and that the Mints would be closed against every banker's bullion gold and every miner's nuggets. This was exactly what the last English Government did to its conquered subjects in India.

THE KEROSENE DUTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Since the remission of the kerosene duty, the selling price of kerosene being in consequence reduced from 4s and 5s per tin to 3s per tin, the sales have increased from 25 cases a month to 100 cases, and the dealers in kerosene are very much hampered in their operations by an old Kerosene Act, which provides for only 25 cases (equal to 200 gallons) being the limit on any one premises, and a fine of 2s per gallon for all over that limit with confiscation of the surplus. Now, 25 cases just make one load, and to comply with that old Act it is necessary to be quite sold out of kerosene before renewing the stock, or else to take the risk of breaking the law, and also the equally serious risk of a fire occurring while overstocked, yet not caused by the kerosene, and thus render all fire policies valueless.

I have seen a statement from Mr. Superintendent Bear where he said that kerosene was not any more dangerous in large quantities than in small, as was seen when a large kerosene store was burnt, and yet large quantities of the kerosene inside the burning mass were saved. And there are thousands of cases of turpentine and matches, and even candles, quite as dangerous or more so, and no Act to control the limit. Now the object of this letter is to point out how unnecessary such an old Act, and how inconvenient it is to both wholesale importer and retail dealer, and also to the public, by keeping the price even at 3s a tin, where it might and would be 2s 9d or 2s 6d a tin. If, for instance I, as a retail grocer, could stock 300 or 400 cases, I would buy 1000 cases for future delivery, extending over the next five months, and taking them at the rate of 200 a month, which will be about the rate of my sales during the winter months, and in this way the importer, the carter, and public would be benefited by the greater economy, convenience, and cheaper price. I would not be afraid of overlapping in the event of one of the ships making a speedy passage. I think it only requires this little matter to be understood to cause it to be put as one item in the Government programme for next meeting of Parliament to have it remedied.

I am, &c.,

February 19. GROCER.

THE RECENT WRECKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The report on the foundering of the ship Atacama, published in this morning's "Herald," with the number of men missing, should be sufficient to cause something substantial to be done at once with the hope that some of these unfortunate fellows might be rescued; therefore a suggestion to our worthy Admiral will be pardoned. A three or four days' cruise of the ships of war now in port about the vicinity in which the Atacama foundered would, I am sure, only be doing what every British sailor would consider his duty. I am, &c.,

February 18. F.C.S.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting in connection with the Sydney Hospital was held at the boardroom yesterday afternoon. Lord Hampden presided. His Excellency was accompanied by the Hon. Dorothy Brand and Captain Sloane-Stanley. Previous to the meeting Lord Hampden opened the newly erected pathological and bacteriological hospital situated near the Domain entrance. Dr. Jamieson, honorary physician and pathologist, explained the uses of the department. The building is of two floors, and cost about £1500. It is finished in a high-class manner, and is fitted with the latest appliances. Mr. Thomas Fanning was the contractor, and Mr. John Fitzpatrick, the architect. The ceilings are of metal, and neatly designed. The lower floor is constructed of stone, and the first of brick and cement. The entrance bore an ornamental appearance, their being a plentiful supply of ferns, &c. Many ladies, members of the medical and nursing staffs, and officers of the institution, were present.

The report showed there were in the hospital on December 31, 1896, 271 patients, and the admissions in 1897 were 3819. In the year those discharged cured numbered 2055; relieved, 1138; unrelieved, 266; died, 345; remaining December 31, 1897, 286; percentage of mortality on admissions, 11·8; average number of admissions per week, 73·4; largest number admitted in one week, 91; smallest ditto, 56; average number of beds occupied, 291; largest ditto, 314; smallest ditto, 268; average duration of stay in days, 24.3; number of accident and urgent cases admitted without recommendations, 1324; number of cases admitted on Government orders, 1341; number of cases admitted on subscribers' orders, 321; number of cases admitted who contributed to their maintenance, 833. Of the 345 deaths 73 died within 24 hours of admission. Of the deaths among medical cases 36 died of phthisis, 31 of other lung diseases, 8 of typhoid, and 24 of cardiac disease. Of the deaths among surgical cases, 40 died from the result of injuries, and the remainder were due to diseases apart from accident. The attendances in casualty department were 23,286; medical department, 22,033; surgical department, 12,569; eye department, 7040; ear, nose, and throat department, 5229; diseases peculiar to women, 6319; diseases of skin department, 2897; dental department, 3723. The operations performed during the year numbered 1954. The average cost per bed for 1897, including the expenditure of the Moorcliff branch, was £61 15s 10d. The income for the year was £22,868 1s 3d, towards which the Government contributed £15,261 18s 6d, viz., £5398 16s 8d as subsidy on the £ for £ principle, £8813 1s 10d for the maintenance of pauper patients, £700 as subsidy for the Regent-street Dispensary, and £350 for rent of Moorcliff Branch Hospital.

Sir Arthur Renwick, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said the institution had performed its functions in a satisfactory manner to the public and in a most creditable way to the officers. The patients had spoken of the extremely satisfactory way they were treated while in the hospital. The public, while looking at the statistics, would see the remarkably extensive work this charity was doing. (The speaker quoted figures from the report.) He did not know what the outpatients would have done but for the aid given them. He knew the institution was performing a function of the highest possible kind. Whether the considerable diminution in the number of outdoor patients was due to the country being in a more prosperous condition than in the previous years he could not say. As his Excellency had pointed out to him, there was a reduction of the patients in the outdoor department of nearly 25 per cent. In all great hospitals such as that it was desirable they should, as far as possible, keep down the general expenses, and apply the institution to the proper persons for relief. The efforts of the directors should be to stop the encroachments of those people, who ought to be in some other place than that. They had erected a bungalow cottage at the Domain entrance. They had lost the services of Dr. Binney, who had discharged his duties as medical superintendent with the greatest possible success. The new addition to the hospital, which Lord Hampden had opened that day, would be under the directorship of Dr. Jamieson. Although they were not presenting any prizes to the nurses, the directors intended to have a system of that kind at the next annual meeting. Congratulatory references were made to the work of the medical and nursing staff, and the treasurer (Mr. Ewan). The public subscriptions were not so large as he would like them to be. The Government gave two-thirds of the amount received. He wished to encourage persons to give more liberally than was the case last year.

Mr. J. Farr seconded the motion.

The Rev. F. B. Boyce, in supporting it, suggested that such populous centres as Redfern, Chippendale, and other places should be cared for.

The motion was carried.

Sir Arthur Renwick said they only rented the building for a dispensary at Regent-street. It was a question if they could rent places in various suburbs. The institution did its best as far as funds would allow.

On the motion of the Rev. J. H. Landau, seconded by Mr. Hedges, it was resolved,—"That this meeting thanks His Excellency the Governor, the Premier, the Parliament, and the subscribers, for the liberal aid afforded to the institution during the past year."

Mr. Chas. Uhr moved, Mr. E. O. Farrell seconded, and it was decided,—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to the honorary office-bearers, honorary medical officers and directors, for their services during the past year; that his Excellency Viscount Hampden be patron, and that Sir Arthur Renwick, K.B., be re-elected president; that Mr. John Pope and Mr. Michael Chapman be re-elected vice-presidents, and that Mr. James Ewan be re-elected honorary treasurer."

Messrs. D. Fell, G. N. Griffiths, J. R. Hill, and A. Dean, the retiring directors, were re-elected.

Lord Hampden, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said it was a real pleasure for him to be present to take the chair at one of the most important charities in the colony. It was hardly necessary to say anything in reference to the Sydney Hospital because the work it did must commend itself to the intelligence of all who were present. It was only necessary for him to emphasise one thing to show the magnitude of its operations. There were 4000 persons in the year passed through the hospital as patients. Of these one-half were cured, a quarter more were relieved, and the percentage of deaths was about 11 per cent., of which 2 per cent. died within 24 hours of admission. That showed the magnitude of the operations. He was very much struck with the fact that in the report of 1895—he mentioned the fact to Sir Arthur Renwick—there were 123,000 attendances of outpatients. This year there were only 83,000. He did not know if that was owing to the better condition of the country or better administration. On a former visit he was struck with the clean and comfortable appearance of the wards, and also with the fact that there was a separate hospital for infectious diseases. When he was there with Lady Hampden he noticed that the nurses were cheerful and comfortable. He was glad to see in the report that the directors proffered thanks to the medical men for honorary services, and had also spoken in appreciation of the great services rendered by them and the nurses. There was also the really noble work which was involved in the personal sympathy which was shown to the patients. He thought it was very gratifying to know that there were a great many men and women here who devoted their time in showing personal sympathy in ministering to the sick. He hoped the hospital would get the increased public support it deserved. (Applause.)

A CRICKETING SURFEIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Would you allow me a small space to draw the attention, if that be necessary, of the powers that rule the doings of the English teams visiting Australia to the evident over-exertion that has caused the staleness of most of the members of the present team of English cricketers.

The quality of the cricket has suffered from a wish to screw in five test matches where there is only room for three, and to do this it has been necessary to give the Englishmen, and to a lesser extent the leading Australian cricketers, an excessive amount of railway travelling from which they have in several instances gone to the field without a chance of recovery from the effects of such long and trying journeys, add to this the intense heat of the present summer, and indeed of any summer, and it is at once seen, what many gentlemen, who are capable of thinking and speaking in a non-partisan spirit, have remarked in my hearing, that it is useless to expect any visiting team of Englishmen to show their true form, and that what should be a pleasure trip consequently developes into the merest drudgery, from which the members of the team must look with longing to the day which will start them on their homeward journey again. Now, Sir, this can have but one result, and that is that the leading amateurs, who play cricket for pleasure and not for business, will not join the teams, and this will seriously militate against the wished-for result of these visits, viz., to enhance the quality of and keep in perfection Australian cricket.

There can be no object in playing five test matches. Three would serve equally well to demonstrate the superiority of either side; and the other two matches are simply draws for money. I know I shall lay myself open to the retort that these teams cannot be financed without money, which is perfectly true; but I maintain that the aggregate attendance at three test matches and two each against each colony, with a few off-matches thrown in, would be as great as has been the case this season to the surfeiting programme we have had. Moreover, the whole community, with the exception of the exuberant youth of Australia, who cannot apparently have too much sport, gets heartily sick of the thing as the season advances, and, as one gentleman remarked to me, "The business part of the community has had enough cricket to last ten years."

These matches have developed into affairs which take, together with a railway journey from one place to another, a week or more, and it is obviously absurd to expect the players to go into the field in that state of freshness which is essential to show true form when one match follows right on the heels of another; and it does not require a second glance to tell that this over-exertion is the true cause of the poor display of most of the English and some of the Australian players in the match just ended and those immediately preceding it. Trusting you will excuse the space I have taken in thus voicing the feelings of a good many members of the community who would take a pleasure in watching a moderate amount of first-class cricket, but who object to surfeits. I am, &c.,

Feb. 11. ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN.

M. Berlier, a well-known engineer, has laid before the Governments of Spain and Morocco a project for the construction of a tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar. The execution of this plan would have immense economic consequences, so that its fate will be followed with interest. M. Berlier is the inventor of a new method of subterranean boring.

CARRINGTON CENTENNIAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the above was held yesterday afternoon in the boardroom of the Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, Pitt-street. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by the Hon. Dorothy Brand and Captain Sloane-Stanley, presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. J. R. Fairfax, Edward Knox (hon. treasurer), E. R. Deas-Thomson and Dr. Cecil Purser (hon. secretaries), Dr. John Hay, M. Gottheil, R. J. Paling, P. W. Street, J. W. Keep, J. Hunter Stephenson, G. J. Cohen, T. M. Jesse (secretary Prince Alfred Hospital), R. T. Kelly, T. F. Knox, J. W. Hamilton Lake, J. Kilgour, the Misses Knox, the Misses Gottheil, Miss Harris, Mrs. Purser, Miss M'Gaby (matron Prince Alfred Hospital), Miss Blanche Bricknell (matron of the Carrington Hospital).

The annual report for 1897 set forth that during the year the work at the hospital was complete and satisfactory. The statistics for the year showed that there were 61 patients in the hospital on December 31, 1896, and 1092 were admitted during 1897, making a total under treatment during 1897 of 1153. Of these 870 had fully recovered their health, 183 were much improved, 32 apparently were not benefited, and only 3 died. There were 65 under treatment at the end of the year. The average daily number of patients was 78, and the annual cost of each bed (of which there are 100) £35 3s 9d, as against £37 1s 7d for the previous year. The cost of each patient throughout the year, with an average residence of 26 days, was £2 7s 6d. Of the 1092 under treatment for the year only 109 contributed towards their maintenance in sums varying from under 5s per week to four who gave more than 20s weekly; of the remainder 651 did not contribute and 332 were admitted on Government orders. The committee regretted that in general there was an increased unwillingness to assist the funds, and some could have contributed a little had they desired to do so. The indebtedness of the subscribers to the hon. medical officers was referred to. On May 15 the matron (Miss Monaker), after nearly six years' faithful service, resigned, and Miss Blanche Bricknell was appointed.

Mr. Edward Knox, the hon. treasurer, presented the statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1897. The total receipts amounted to £3414 9s 6d, and against this the following items which had no connection with the current working expenditure appeared on the other side of the accounts:—Balance due Bank N.S.W., December 31, 1896, £49 7s 5d; permanent estate improvements (water supply, fire service, &c.), £472 3s 9d; balance in Bank of N.S.W., December 31, 1897, £148 8s 7d; leaving a sum of £2744 9s 9d as the actual working expenditure for the year. The main sources of revenue included £632 from subscriptions and donations, £260 from the Hospital Saturday Fund, £941 for the maintenance of Government patients, £729 Government subsidy, and £199 contributions from patients, as against £111 in 1896. The principal expenses were £900 for salaries and wages, £908 for provisions, and £374 for transit of patients. The sum of £485 3s 3d which the committee had accumulated in the Savings Bank towards the cost of the improvement of the water supply and the introduction of a fire service had been expended. The total cost of these improvements amounted to £673 3s 10d, and the completion of this work had relieved the committee of what had been for some years a source of great anxiety.

The annual report and balance-sheet, together with a report from the matron, were adopted on the motion of Mr. Edward Knox, seconded by Mr. E. R. Deas-Thomson.

Mr. M. Gottheil moved, Mr. J. R. Fairfax seconded, and it was carried,—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Governor, Lord Hampden, for the aid he had given to the Carrington Hospital."

Dr. Purser proposed, and Mr. P. W. Street seconded, a motion of thanks to the hon. medical officers and the hon. examining medical officers for their services during the past year. This was carried unanimously.

In accordance with the "deed of gift" one-half of the committee retired, and it devolved on the Government to appoint one-third of their successors, upon the representative of the late Mr. W. H. Paling to appoint one-third, and the subscribers to elect the remaining third.

The Government nominated Sir Alfred Roberts and Mr. F. P. M'Crae; Mr. J. W. Hamilton Lake (replacing the late Mr. Paling) nominated Dr. John Hay and Mr. P. W. Street; whilst Mr. J. R. Fairfax and Major J. W. M'Arthur Onslow were elected by the subscribers.

Mr. Knox moved a vote of thanks to the Governor for presiding, which was carried by acclamation.

Lord Hampden, in reply, said he was very much obliged for the vote just passed. The Carrington and Walker Convalescent Hospitals were admirable institutions; but, admirable as they were, he supposed they could do with more of them on account of the comfort, convenience, and health which they gave. He congratulated them on the fact that they had increased the accommodation by five beds, and at the same time on the large decrease in the annual cost of the beds. One unsatisfactory portion of the report—at least to him—was that out of 1153 patients they had only received contributions from 109; but it showed a little advance, as the year before only 66 contributed. It seemed to him a very small percentage; but no doubt there were some people who found themselves reduced to comparative poverty after a long illness, and unable to find means to pay for maintenance. He thought, however, that some could do so. Dealing with "casuals" received into the hospital from Camden and district, he did not know what arrangements they had with the local authorities, but it did strike one as rather hard that the nurses should have to attend to a large number of local casualties, who should, if possible, be provided for elsewhere. He again thanked them for the vote of thanks.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held yesterday. The receipts from July 1 to February 19, 1898, were reported to be £156,545 13s 4d, being an increase of £7321 1s 5d for the corresponding period of last year. For the week ended 19th instant the average daily consumption of water from Prospect was 19,471,000gals. It was reported that on the 17th instant the Mayor and three aldermen of Willoughby waited upon the president in regard to the payment of the board's claim for lowering the water main, Centennial-avenue, Willoughby. It was pointed out by the deputation that the council's seal had been affixed to the letter to the board without the authority of the council, and although the corporation did not intend to dispute the payment of the amount expended by the board, they wished it to be understood they did not recognise the unauthorised affixing of the seal as binding on the council in any way. The Mayor of Erskineville wrote stating that it was proposed to erect by public subscription free plunge and shower baths on the council's property for the benefit of the poorer classes, and requesting that the water be supplied free of charge. Alderman Davis said the object was a laudable one. It was decided to grant the request, the council to adhere to the board's regulations. Mr. Jacob, superintendent of Prospect, reported that portions of the works below Prospect had been only very little damaged by the late heavy rains. A few small slips occurred on the lower canal. At Prospect the damage to fences had been immediately repaired. Messrs. Smith and Jacobson's tender for the Monier system was accepted for constructing 30in. stormwater drain at Rushcutter Creek.

PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

The Professional Orchestral Benefit Association met on Monday. Mr. W. Stoneham, who presided, referred to the uphill work of the association. In presenting the report and balance-sheet, he said it was very gratifying to him to think that, after meeting all the expenses of the past six months, there was a substantial credit balance. He urged those who had the society—which he wished to see a purely benefit one—at heart to hold together, and engender good feeling and brotherhood; by so doing, where real distress existed in their ranks, they might do a great deal of good. Thanks were accorded to Misses E. O. King, Millie Wynn, Kathleen Morven, Signor Hazon, Messrs. Alfred Hill, Burns-Walker, Herr Vollmar, E. P. Truman, and W. H. Paling and Co., for kind services, and to the leading music warehouses for their generous subscriptions; to Dr. C. A. Edwards for medical attendance on members; and to Messrs. C. M. Deane and W. J. Taylor, the hon. solicitors. The statement showed the subscriptions and receipts for the two concerts were £111 14s, and the expenditure, current expenses, professional assistance, and rent, £101 5s 8d. Besides the cash credit balance, there was £15 owing in subscriptions and £7 8s written off as bad. Mr. Cook moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried. The officers elected were:—President, Mr. J. H. Rainford; vice-presidents, Messrs. Sydney Moss, Robert Lockhead, W. Stoneham; trustees, Messrs. Fredk. Phillips, Lewis Henderson, Robert Kohlbanck; board of directors, Messrs. H. Foreman, G. Podenzana, A. Farmer, T. Rees, F. Jackson; treasurer, Mr. B. Smith; librarian, Mr. G. R. Crook; secretary, Mr. L. Henderson.

DRESS REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There is no doubt that the article on Dress Reform, which appeared in your issue of to-day, will be read with interest by many thousands of persons in this colony. "M.D." deserves to be commended for the outspoken and sensible manner in which he has treated the subject. It seems incredible that people, who are ostensibly free to do as they like in these matters are virtually enslaved by custom, fashion, and the fear of what others will say if they depart from what is customary. When we consider the numbers of ways in which people continue to act that conduces neither to their own nor to anyone else's pleasure or profit, we are compelled to admit that the sentiment "Britons never will be slaves" is an erroneous one. In this practical age, when utility and expediency are such important considerations in all business affairs, it is indeed an anomaly that active men should burden themselves with unnecessary and unseasonable clothing, sacrificing their comfort and wasting their energy, and assisting to perpetuate an evil which the exercise of commonsense would speedily abolish. If the "plea" should result in reform, it would be extremely difficult to estimate, in the aggregate, the relief which would be obtained. I am, &c.,

February 12. UTILE DULCI.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE.

OPENING SESSION.

At the Centenary Hall last night the opening session of the twenty-fifth annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was held. There was a large gathering, presided over by the Rev. James Woolnough (the retiring President). There were about 130 ministers present, and an equal number of laymen. The proceedings opened with prayer.

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

The Rev. James Woolnough, retiring president, delivered his official address. He said that, by a gratifying majority, he was last year raised to the honourable position of president, in succession to noble and Godly men, who have stood at the head of the Church in this land; and, for the first time in the history of this annual conference, elected the second of the name and family. He had honestly tried to sustain the dignity and prestige of the honoured position; and in the discharge of public functions and official duties had endeavoured to realise the high ideal set up by the best traditions of the presidency. The year had not been one of idleness. The work of the general secretaryship of the Sustentation Society he had found no sinecure. The year had been eventful as the completion of the sixtieth year of her Majesty's reign. All true British hearts rejoiced in the continued greatness of the "Empire on which the sun never sets," and all true Christian souls rejoice that the highest note in all the jubilation was an acknowledgment of the Supreme God, and that, in spite of all imperfections, the great British people all the world over is essentially Christian at heart. In the various functions connected with this great event the Wesleyan Church had its part, laying its address of congratulation on the steps of the Throne, and receiving a suitable acknowledgement. It had also been the year of the General Conference, looked forward to with expectation, if not anxiety, and the best was done to conserve the connectional spirit as well as their own conference interests and rights. One of the most pleasing events in connection with the General Conference was the acceptance of an invitation frankly given by the clergy of the Auckland diocese to a garden party, where with the utmost frankness on both sides, the barriers of bigotry, if any such existed before, were swept away, and it was patent to all that the spirit of true brotherhood was spreading among Protestant Churches. (Applause). Inter-conferential exchanges furnished the usual amount of negotiation, discussion, resolution, and disappointment. Passing from the historic to the practical and present day features of Church life, he considered their position a most interesting one; that their opportunities were never larger, nor their prospects more inspiring. In trying to gauge the future of this great country he was amazed at what he thought its possibilities. He had been impressed with the hardihood of the pioneers of settlement, and equally so with the zeal of the pioneers of the Church, who followed with Gospel teachings and the ordinances of religion. Forty years ago Fathers Wilkinson, Oram, Chapman, Vanderkiste, Schofield, Watkins, the Hursts, Gand, Pickering, Bowes, Sommerville, Dowson, Orton, and others, some of whom were still with them, divided into 27 circuits the country which is now covered by 110 circuits and 13 mission stations. They had a famous spiritual ancestry in the land, and were proud of it. Deep, broad, and strong, the foundations were laid on which they were now building. There were £200,000 of church and other debts, but as yet it was not found necessary to part with a single property, nor had they failed to keep faith with their creditors. (Applause.) He referred to the magnificent bequests of the late Rev. W. Schofield and Mr. John Bright, which had been of material assistance. The hall in which they were present, and the colleges, were burdened with debt to such a degree that they could not be carried on except at a serious annual loss. The hall is the Methodist cathedral, the rallying point and the centre of at least some spiritual forces that ought not to go out of their Church life. Something must be done to retain their hold on it. Then another question, Is Newington to go with its splendid past and its hopeful future? Are they to cease to have a place in the advanced intellectual life of the land, and to pass over to other hands the training of their boys and girls? In the keen competitions of school life, in the life of the University, and in the professional life of this land, their educational establishments were making themselves felt: and it would be a thousand pities if anything happened to bring either Newington or the Ladies' Colleges to an end. Some schemes have been shadowed forth for obtaining relief in connection with the approaching centenary celebrations. He hoped they would not all be fruitless and abortive. It is a proof that the Church is not bereft of all its spirit of consecrated fidelity to duty that two years ago in the dependent circuits there were circuit debts amounting to £9445; but with the inspiration of the Special Help Fund all have disappeared excepting £1119. (Applause.) He hoped he would not be regarded as wanting in charity if he said that one of the less hopeful features of their present Church life was in many places an apparent want of true loyalty to Methodism. It may be one feature of a widespread indifferentism, producing want of loyalty to religion itself. In part it may be the bastard product of Christian charity itself. There was such a thing as being friends to all, the enemies of none, but there is also a simulated cosmopolitanism which is truly loyal to none under the pretext of being friendly to all. If all Methodists by birth and training and natural obligation were true Methodists and loyal to the Church they should be stronger than they were. A few have embraced peculiar views of religion and separated themselves for conscience sake; some have rejected the spirituality of their teachings and found more room for their worldliness. Some have made the mistake of thinking they would be more respectable and respected out of Methodism than in it. If the truth is known they are less so, even among those to whom, as mere turncoats, they have gone. There were some things in connection with their financial circuit life not entirely satisfactory, a growing tendency towards living on "special efforts." Resort is had to all kinds of expedients for raising money, from a Punch and Judy to an agricultural show. The time and thought of ministers and church officers are taken up, their energies and ingenuity taxed, and their patience exhausted over these things, with unsatisfactory results in most cases. It is easy enough to suggest the cure, but very difficult to administer the remedy. The Church is suffering in all the departments of its spiritual and aggressive enterprise by these things, and the quality and effectiveness of the Christian ministry are being seriously impaired by them. When the term "giving to God's cause" goes out of use, and is replaced by the more correct term of "paying our tithes," then the forces of the Church will be at liberty to engage fully in the great mission for which it exists. (Applause.) The problem that confronts them is,—What is to be done for city Methodism in Sydney, with its teeming population, its ungodliness, degradation, and misery? They do not need more churches, nor more ministers; but do they want a new and more attractive gospel? One can scarcely imagine humanity requiring a purer code of ethics than that contained in the Sermon on the Mount; nor a more tender gospel than His, who said to all who are desolate and weary, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." These matters would claim their serious attention through the conference. Here, too, some ray of divine illumination was needed that they may, if necessary, revolutionise all their methods, or more effectively work those they have, and claim the lapsed thousands of Sydney for God. The duty of giving the gospel to the island population of Polynesia has also been laid upon the Church, and the splendid triumphs of its mission work call for songs of praise to God. Reference was made to the cordial relations existing with the evangelical denominations, and it was suggested something might yet be done to prevent needless competition. He concluded by thanking them for the honour placed on him, and for the loyalty and affection with which he had been sustained all through the year. (Applause.)

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

During the ballot for president a collection was taken up in aid of the conference expenses. The Rev. Edward J. Rodd was then elected president by an absolute majority. On ascending the platform he met with a hearty reception, and received the congratulations of the retiring president, after which he returned his thanks for the honour bestowed upon him.

THE SECRETARY.

The Rev. William Hulse Rogers was elected secretary.

STATIONING REPORT.

The following report of the stationing committee was brought up and read the first time:—

1. Sydney West District.—Sydney (York-street): W. Woolls Rutledge, William F. Oakes. Central Mission: W. Woolls Rutledge. Sunday School Union: Charles E. James, honorary secretary. "The Methodist": Editor, George Martin (Rockdale); manager, Paul Clipsham. The Epworth Printing and Publishing House: Manager, Paul Clipsham. The Military and Naval Forces, the Hospitals, &c.: Samuel Wilkinson, chaplain. Book Steward: William Clarke. Sydney (Glebe): Joseph Woodhouse, George T. Baker. Sydney (Balmain, Darling-street): Ebenezer Fox (who shall exchange with the minister of the Montague-street circuit on one Sunday morning in each month). Sydney (Balmain, Montague-street): J. Kivi Turner. Montague-street Mission: J. Kivi Turner. Sydney (Balmain, West End): Andrew Holliday, B.A. Sydney (St. Leonards): George Lane; supernumerary, James W. Dowson. Sydney (Stanmore): Richard Sellors, D.D., Benjamin J. Meek (Leichhardt); supernumeraries, Samuel Wilkinson (Petersham), Joseph Cram (Stanmore). Newington College (Stanmore): James E. Moulton, president of the college. Theological Institution (Stanmore): Undecided. Willoughby and Gordon: J. G. Middleton, Francis W. Hynes; supernumeraries, William Hill (Chatswood), Paul Clipsham (Pymble). Ashfield: Rainsford Bavin. Lewisham: Frank Duesbury (Petersham). Burwood: Edward J. Rodd; supernumerary, James Somerville. Ladies' College (Burwood): Charles J. Prescott, M.A., president and head master. Homebush: Granville O. Cocks. Liverpool and Granville: Joseph Hopkins (Liverpool); supernumeraries, Thomas R. M'Michael (South Granville), Harry Allen (Canley Vale). Parramatta: James E. Carruthers. Ryde: William H. Beale. Hunter's Hill: Undecided. Windsor: William Gleason. Lower Hawkesbury: Edward King (Sackville); supernumerary, Henry Woodhouse. Gosford: Home missionary. Penrith: Joseph Tarn. Camden: Richard Caldwell. Katoomba and Mount Victoria: Walter Lucas, chairman of the district, financial secretary.

2. Sydney East District.—Sydney (Bourke-street): William G. Taylor. Foreign Missions: George Brown, D.D., general secretary; Benjamin Danks, organising secretary. Church Sustentation and Extension Society: James Woolnough, clerical general secretary (Burwood). Church Property Secretary: James Woolnough. Centennial Thanksgiving Fund: James Woolnough, honorary clerical secretary. Custodian of Deeds: George Lane. Sydney (Wesley Church): Patrick J. Stephen. Sydney (William-street): Robert Allen. Sydney (Cleveland-street): Henry Jones. Sydney (Waverley): James A. Nolan, John Hulme; supernumeraries, Walter J. Davis (Waverley), Frank Firth (Waverley), Adin Parsons (Bondi). Sydney (Paddington): Henry Wiles. Sydney (Mount Lachlan): William H. Williams. Sydney (Newtown): William Clarke, W. Halse Rodgers. Sydney (Randwick): Joseph Bryant. Sydney (Rockdale): John A. Waddell; supernumeraries, George Martin (Rockdale), Joseph Monahan (Arncliffe). Kogarah: Joseph Spence. Manly: James H. Lewin. Wollongong: John S. Austin, Frank E. Fletcher, M.A. (Bulli). Kiama: J. William Moore, Harold Wheen (Jamberoo). Shoalhaven: Charles W. Graham (Nowra). Berry: John Robson. Milton: John Scharkie, chairman of the district, financial secretary.

3. Bathurst District.—Bathurst: Arthur J. Webb, Ernest F. Crosby, B.A. Blayney: Alfred S. Swift. Cowra: Walter J. Walker. Grenfell: Alexander Stephen. Orange: Frederick Colwell. Spring Hill: Frederick C. Boyer, who shall exchange on one Sunday in each quarter with the minister of the Orange circuit. Molong: William C. Hughes. Mudgee: Richard H. Rickard. Rylstone: Leslie H. Kelynack, B.A., who shall exchange on one Sunday in each quarter with the minister of the Mudgee circuit. Hill End: George Williams. Oberon and Rockley: M. Scott Fletcher, B.A. Sunny Corner: John Thomas. Lithgow: William Stewart. Dubbo: Robert M. Laverty, who shall exchange with the minister of the Wellington circuit on one Sunday in each quarter. Wellington: G. Watkin Farner. Cobar: Francis J. Branch. Nymagee and Nyngan: To be supplied. Parkes: Charles J. M'Coy; supernumerary, Warren Henry. Forbes: Thomas Parker, who shall exchange with the minister of the Parkes circuit once in each quarter. Condobolin: Home missionary. Bourke: Alfred Brown, who shall visit Brewarrina once in each quarter. Coonamble: John W. Harrison. Wilcannia: Henry E. Andrews, chairman of the district, financial secretary.

4. Maitland District.—West Maitland: John Clifton. Branxton: James W. Winspear. East Maitland: William E. Bourne. Morpeth: John W. Collier. Newcastle: W. H. T. Pincombe, William Wall (Hamilton). Wallsend and Waratah: Richard East. Singleton: John F. Orr. Muswellbrook: William Brown. Murrurundi: George A. Reeve. Dungog and Stroud: Aaron Cooper (Dungog). Manning River: G. Charles Percival (Taree). Myall Lakes: Chairman of the district.

5. Armidale District.—Armidale: J. G. Morris Taylor, A. S. J. Harding. Tenterfield: Benjamin Lane.† Glen Innes: Student. Emmaville: Home missionary. Inverell: James Scott. Chinese Mission: Chinese catechist (Tingha), who shall visit Emmaville at least once a quarter. Tamworth: Joseph Beale. Manilla: Reginald B. Bowes. Bingara: Home missionary. Moree: James S. Thomas. Gunnedah: William M'Callum. Narrabri: James Watson, chairman of the district.

6. Grafton District.—Grafton: William H. George. Brushgrove and Ulmarra: To be supplied. Kempsey: Francis J. Curwood. Gladstone: Charles J. Duffill, who shall exchange with the minister of the Kempsey circuit one Sunday in each quarter. Bellinger River: Archibald Graham. Port Macquarie: Robert Johnston. Maclean: George H. Barrett. Lismore: Thomas B. Holmes. Casino: To be supplied. Ballina: Thomas Northcott. Tweed River: Home missionary, chairman of the district.

7. Goulburn District.—Goulburn: John Gardiner Crockwell: William Weston. Yass: Frederick W. A. Roberts. Gunning: William Pearson. Braidwood: ——. Queanbeyan: Daniel A. Gilsenan, who shall visit Braidwood once in each month. Young: Gustavus Thompson. Bowral: Matthew H. Parkinson. Robertson: William G. Willard. Bombala: Home missionary. Cooma: Home missionary. Moruya: James Phillips, who shall visit Araluen once every six weeks. Bega: G. Holford Cowles. Pambula: ——. Cobargo and Tilba Tilba: W. T. Stuart Wright, chairman of the district, financial secretary.

8. Riverina District.—Wagga Wagga: Charles Jones. Junee: Frederick Dixon. Adelong: Joseph Walker. Cootamundra: Benjamin Dinning. Temora: Home missionary. Wyalong: C. M'Clelland Barker. Deniliquin: T. Frederick Potts; supernumerary, Francis Fawcett. Hay: James Colwell. Narrandera: Harold S. Bowden. Corowa: Home missionary. Wentworth: A. T. Huggart, B.A. Albury: Matthew Maddern, chairman of the district.

9. Tonga District.—Tongatabu: J. E. Moulton, J. Egan Moulton, jun., B.A., John Latu (Nukualofa), Joktan Tubou (Maufanga), Julius Tangataoleao (Houma), Paul Fukofuka (Mua), John Taufa (Hihifo), Caleb Otahouma (Eua); Samuel Nonoatu, supernumerary (Bea). Tubou College: J. Egan Moulton, jun., B.A., principal; David Fisau. Niua Fo'ou: Agabus Tauaiube. Niua Tobutabu: John Manu. Haabai: Watson Tatafu (Lifuka), Henry Talai (Lofanga), Jethro Baongo (Loto Foa), Samson Mahe (Nomuka). Vavau: David Tausika, William Tubou, chairman of the district.

The conference at its rising adjourned to 10 a.m. this day (Wednesday).

N.S.W. PROTECTION LEAGUE

Last evening a meeting of the members of the Paddington branch of the N.S.W. Protection League was held at the Town Hall Hotel, Oxford-street, Paddington. The attendance was small. Alderman J. Dillon, J.P. (president), occupied the chair. Amongst those present were—Mr. J. White, J.P., Mr. S. A. Byrne, Mr. G. Harkins, Mr. W. Dodson, Mr. Sharkey. The object of the meeting was for the purpose of resuscitating the branch, which had for a time ceased operations in consequence of the removal of a number of members from the district.

Mr. J. White proposed,—"That the nominations for candidates for the forthcoming elections in the protectionist interests should be received, and that they should address public meetings in order that the best might be selected to go to the poll." The motion was carried.

SUBSIDIES TO MUNICIPALITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Pressure of other matters prevented me noticing your leader of the 16th instant, in reference to my letter to you on the question of subsidies to municipalities. I do not call it using to rack-rent some person in a hopeless endeavour to keep himself and the owner as well. Let the owner himself employ labour in cultivation of some suitable kind, and so add to the wealth of the colony and decrease the number of unemployed. A tax of 2d in the £ for municipal purposes would be no hardship to the owner, and using the land he would be largely in pocket. The land would thus be wealth-productive until such time as it was required for building purposes. Even in America, the paradise of the monopolist, municipalities in some of the States are being empowered to make use in the way I have mentioned of vacant lands within their boundaries, and with most excellent results. Do you know of any reason why a person in the fortunate position of being a landholder should be specially protected in holding his land out of use? You ask why it should be assumed that landholders are waiting to profit by the energy or enterprise of their neighbours, and, I may add, public expenditure. Can you give a reliable instance to the contrary? Moreover, it is notorious that holders of town and suburban lands that are not wanted for building upon do not use them further than to graze a cow or two, or a few horses. In very many instances they are not even fenced, and are generally used as a rubbish tip by the neighbours. In practice, therefore, whatever it may be in theory, it is not "more just to assume that the landholder is the best judge of his own opportunities."

It is, then, not necessary for a landholder to erect buildings that are not wanted in order to make use of the land, but, as I have shown, there is a profitable alternative. In regard to the incidence of rating as between landlord and tenant the latter undoubtedly should pay something, but under the present system he pays all, and the owner nothing, or if the owner pays it is added to the rent. A simple illustration will make this clear:—A owns a 33ft. frontage, say in Hunter-street, worth at a fair valuation £1000 per foot frontage. On it there is a shop costing him £1000. He does not charge his tenant rent on £1000 capital, but on £34,000. On this easily ascertainable rental the tenant pays rates. Where does the equity in this case come in? The same applies everywhere to a greater or lesser degree, as we all know. I have merely endeavoured to show that there is no question of hardship so far as the owner of the land is concerned.

Coming to the contention that to raise rates for municipal purposes from land values alone would not provide sufficient funds, I may mention that some time ago when the present Government introduced their Local Government Bill, which was lost or withdrawn, a valuation of the ground values in this municipality was made, and it was found that a rate of 2½d in the £ would provide as much money as the rate of 1s in the £ on buildings as at present. As population increased land values would rise, and the rate could be lowered. All this to my mind is eminently practical and simple, and beyond dispute just and equitable. Like most other reforms it may be some time before it is brought into operation. It is, however, only a question of time, as the present system of fining a man the more he improves his holding, thus discouraging the use of material, the employment of labour, and the beautifying or embellishment of the town in which he resides, is realised now by all thinkers as being a glaring absurdity to be altered or got rid of as soon as possible. I am, &c.,

February 20. W. N. M. EDMONDSON.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read your able article on the wheat trade in this day's paper. I have been many years connected with this branch of produce. I note your remarks about the varying market prices for wheat in the three leading colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. These values, in my opinion, ought to be as nearly as possible uniform, so as to admit of no import or export intercolonially in regular seasons. In the present season good first-class wheat is scarce all over the world, the standing price now at Mark Lane being 5s to 5s 1d per bushel, with a decided upward tendency. Taking the various harvests of the three leading colonies there would be only one-third of prime wheat, one-third of second-class, and one-third of inferior or pinched material. We have experienced other seasons like the present one. I was a large distributor of flour, and many old-established bakers would give me from 10s to £1 per ton over "quoted value" to ensure getting a first-class article. Therefore at the present time we find that the figure quoted for a prime article is 10s per ton below its value. There is no doubt that farmers holding best wheat will obtain a considerably better price; but of course inferior stock will only partially benefit by the certain advance in best quality.

I am, &c.,

February 22. J. A. M'CARROLL.

CHURCH NEWS.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERSHAM.

On Monday evening the officers and members of All Saints' choir entertained their organist, Mr. William Angus, who is leaving Sydney on an extended trip through England and America by the R.M.S. China, at an evening social in the Reserve Club Rooms, Little Coogee. The party, numbering over 40, left All Saints' Church, Petersham, in two large drags kindly provided by Mr. Arthur C. J. Wood. Upon arrival at Coogee the party sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by the ladies of the choir. The chairman, Mr. William T. Wood, choirmaster, proposed the toast of "Our Guest." It afforded him, he said, the greatest pleasure to see the choir so fully represented. It proved to him what he had always found the sterling qualities of the guest. He trusted the choir would show him how loyal they could be by completing the work they had in hand during his absence, and by giving him a hearty welcome on his return. The toast having been drunk with musical honours, the company gave three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Angus. Mr. Angus, in rising to respond, was received with great enthusiasm. He was, he said, highly pleased at being entertained by such a large contingent of All Saints' choir. He spoke of the pleasure it always gave him to be present with them under the conductorship of their amiable and earnest choirmaster, and said he trusted their good wishes would be thoroughly realised, and that he would be spared to return to his duty and to them a wiser man.

ORGAN RECITAL AT SUMMER HILL.

The opening of the new organ took place last night at St. Andrew's Church, Summer Hill. Prior to the recital a shortened service was held by the rector, the Rev. John Vaughan, assisted by the curate, the Rev. E. C. Robison. The programme was begun by the singing of the Doxology. Organ solos were played by Mr. F. Morley, organist of St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, and Mr. F. Stonier, organist of St. Andrew's. The principal soloists were Messrs. Parkinson and Foggitt. The new organ was built by Messrs. A. Hunter and Son, London, under the supervision of Mr. F. W. Morley, M.A., Mus. Bac., and erected in the church by Mr. W. Davidson, of North Sydney. It has three manuals, 31 stops, and is built on the tubular pneumatic system, with Hunter and Son's patent tubular coupling chamber. The principal soloists of the evening were Miss Wilshire and Messrs. Parkinson and Foggitt.

ST. JAMES', SYDNEY.

Last evening a successful social smoke evening in connection with St. James's Church, King-street, was held at The Cheverells, Elizabeth Bay-road, the residence of the Hon. W. R. Campbell, M.L.C. The attendance was large. The spacious grounds and lawn were illuminated for the occasion, the whole having a cheering aspect. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was well carried out by Messrs. A. Mason, Percy A. Bates, Pitney Martin, the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith (rector), F. F. M. Naughton, and the Wanderers' Quartet. During an interval refreshments were served. The social was one of a series of its kind, and proved of a most pleasant character.

WAVERLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The ninth anniversary of the Wesleyan Church, Waverley, was celebrated on Monday evening by a public meeting, which took place in the church, and was well attended. The chair was taken by Mr. P. Macarthur. The Hon. E. Vickery, M.L.C., treasurer, in presenting the annual statement, said it was 54 years since the first Methodist Church was established in Waverley. The school-hall adjoining the church was built 40 years ago, and the church in which they now worshipped had been opened for nine years. The total cost amounted to £14,600. During the year the total receipts were £524 6s 9d, and disbursements £475 12s 4d; the sum of £250 9s 5d was raised by means of the recent bazaar. In addition to the payment of current expenses, the sum of £98 had been paid off the trust loan account. The Hon. J. S. Larke delivered an address, during which he compared the cause of Methodism in Australia with that of Canada. The Rev. J. A. Nolan delivered an address. An excellent musical programme was supplied.

SUMMER HILL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The anniversary services of the Summer Hill Wesleyan Church were held on Sunday last. The Rev. J. Woolnough preached in the morning, the Rev. R. S. Bunn at 3, and the Rev. G. Martin conducted the evening service. On Monday a meeting was held, when the secretary, Mr. W. C. Jenkin, and treasurer, Mr. R. Hammond, presented their annual report and financial statement. The Rev. J. E. Carruthers presided. The Rev. C. E. James and Mr. J. S. Larke delivered addresses. The balance-sheet shows the liabilities of the church to be:—A.M.P. Society loan, £700; Schofield fund, £222 10s; bank overdraft A.J.S. Bank, £60 8s 7d; balance, being surplus, £783 15s 6d; total, £1766 14s 1d. Assets—old building, £1221 9s 10d; additions, £491 19s 3d; credit balance Savings Bank, £53 5s; total, £1766 14s 1d.

ST. GEORGE'S, GLENMORE-ROAD.

On Tuesday evening a tableaux entertainment was given in St. George's School Hall, Glenmore-road, Paddington, in aid of the funds for improvements to the church. A lengthy programme of music, &c., was well carried out. The tableaux were produced with excellent effects. The attendance was good.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Balmain branch) was held under the presidency of the Rev. John Dixon in the Congregational Church, Darling-street, on Thursday evening, and was well attended. The report for the past year was presented by the secretary (Mr. F. A. Corkhill), and gave evidence of much encouraging work having been performed. It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Ebenezer Fox, seconded by the Rev. Henry Gainford, that the following be the office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. Mervyn Archdall; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. A. Corkhill; assistant secretary, Mr. Sydney Edwards; committee, the ministers of the various Protestant Churches in Balmain, and Mesdames Morwick, M'Donald, Lyons, M'Gregor, Austice, the Misses Young and Brown, and Mr. T. Lowe, with power to add to their number.

BUSH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Bush Missionary Society of New South Wales, held in the Congregational Hall, Burwood, the hon. secretary's report showed that during the half-year the society's missionary had been working in the Manning, Hastings, William, and Myall districts. The society's financial position had been very much relieved by a legacy of £500 from the late John Thomas Neale, which had reduced the overdraft to £170. £30 had been raised at a garden fete held at Sir Arthur Renwick's residence, Abbotsford, Five Dock.

At the monthly meeting of the Parramatta and District Christian Endeavour Union held in the Granville Congregational Church, the Rev. T. Davies presiding, the following officers were recommended for election:—President, Rev. J. C. Martin (Parramatta Baptist Church); vice-president, Rev. J. A. Caldwell; secretary, Mr. J. Sanders; treasurer, Mrs. A. George; superintendent of juniors, Mr. J. C. Bruce.

A pleasant outing took place on Saturday afternoon last of the officers and teachers of St. Bartholomews' Church of England Sunday School, Pyrmont. The pleasure-seekers visited Cobbler's Beach.

Harvest festival services were held at St. Nicolas', Coogee, on Saturday evening and on Sunday.

NEW YEAR CAKE FOR EDINBURGH PRESBYTERY.

"THE KIND OF CAKE SARAH PREPARED."

Cakes and whisky (says the "Pall Mall Gazette") play a very important part in New Year festivities north of the Tweed. Christmas festivities of course there are none, or almost none, for it would be beneath the dignity of the patriotic Scot to have his holidays and his rejoicings at the same time as the Southron—and all the rest of the world. So he waits a week, and by means of Saturnalia (occupying what was formerly known very significantly as "the daft days") makes up for lost time. For his festivities other articles of food and drink may be provided—cakes and whisky must be. These cakes are remarkable compounds, and are of all sorts and sizes, having, indeed, only one thing in common—their indigestibility. (The whisky is supposed to counteract this.) Many of them are, in Scriptural language, "fearfully and wonderfully made." Black, uninviting structures, they are awful specimens of the Scottish baker's or confectioner's "art." Only Scotchmen can make them, and it is necessary to be a Scot to appreciate them when made. Except those who manufacture them no one knows the ingredients, at all events the whole of the ingredients, and perhaps it is well that their composition should remain a mystery. But the most mysterious, perhaps, of Scottish New Year cakes is that that has just been presented to the reverend fathers and brethren who compose the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Kirk of Scotland. Why that body should have been presented with a cake at all is in itself incomprehensible. However, at a meeting just held the Moderator read a letter, or, to be strictly correct, he began to read a letter, he had received, which ran as follows:—"Moderator and Members of the Edinburgh Presbytery,—I beg to present you with a Jewish cake, which I have asked a Jewish lady to bake for me with a view of presenting it to you, the Reverend Presbytery of Edinburgh. The interest attaching to the cake is this—that it was perhaps this very kind of cake that Sarah prepared—" Here laughter and cries of "Oh, oh," drowned the voice of the Moderator. At the request of several members the further reading of the letter was stopped, and it was agreed to hear it in private, and now naturally great curiosity exists as to the remainder of the epistle, and as to the cake itself. Whether the latter was consumed by the presbytery when it "sat in private" is not known. Speculation is rife as to this and as to the components of the cake, and whether it was made from the same recipe as those cakes that Sarah set before the angels whom she entertained some three thousand and more years ago. There are other things also that the public desires to know regarding this mysterious cake and the letter that accompanied it. A cynic has suggested that the sender of the patriarchal cake was perhaps "making game" of the fathers and brethren, and that it may have been intended to signify that their tastes and ideas are musty and antique. Other persons, more genial, have suggested that the giver of the cake meant to convey in a delicate manner his belief in the angelic qualities of the members of the Edinburgh presbytery. But this is mere speculation. All that is certain is that the generous giver sent no ale or whisky with the cake. A grave oversight, surely.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

INCREASE IN PRODUCTION.

RECOVERY OF THE FOREIGN COAL TRADE.

A return recently compiled by the Department of Mines shows that the mining industry of the colony has been prosecuted with more than usual energy during the past year, and that the total mineral production aggregated the large sum of £4,683,411 for 1897, as against £4,478,368 for 1896. The value of gold won amounted to £1,088,613, as compared with £1,073,360 for the preceding year. The great scarcity of water on many of our goldfields occasioned by the continued drought, no doubt considerably retarded mining operations and kept down the yield, but now copious rains have fallen throughout the colony an increased activity in all branches of metalliferous mining will take place, and an increased output may be anticipated.

The copper-mining industry has received noticeable attention during the year, as the output is valued at £300,680, as compared with £209,311 in 1896, an increase of £169,369.

There were employed for the year in the various metalliferous mining industries 31,229 persons, as against 30,478 employed in similar works during the preceding year. In the coal and shale mines of the colony there were employed during the year 9626 men, as compared with 9460 during the previous year. The total number of men employed in all classes of mining in New South Wales during 1897 is, therefore, 40,855 as compared with 39,938 in 1896.

The output of coal for the present year is actually the largest since the opening of our coalfields in 1829, the increase for 1897 being 474,074 tons over the output for the previous year. The total output for 1897 was 4,383,591 tons, as against 3,909,517 tons in 1896. It is very satisfactory to note that our foreign and intercolonial export coal trade have both recovered from the severe shock they received from the lamentable strike in 1890. In 1889, prior to the strike, the foreign export trade was 1,077,474 tons, and the following comparative statement will show that the colony has at last fully recovered the ground lost at the time referred to, and that our foreign and intercolonial trade was larger last year than it has ever been:—

Year.	Intercolonial Export.	Foreign Export.	Home Consumption.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1889	1,210,928	1,077,474	[illegible]
1890	1,149,544	[illegible]	[illegible]
1891	1,207,256	[illegible]	[illegible]
1892	1,318,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1893	1,106,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1894	1,175,07[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1895	1,196,504	909,[illegible]	[illegible]
1896	1,371,790	1,109,11[illegible]	[illegible]
1897	1,436,999	1,1[illegible]	[illegible]

These gratifying figures show that our mineral industry is on the increase, and the prospects of the increase being maintained during 1898 are very encouraging. Mr. Sydney Smith is pleased with the year's transactions, and says there is every indication that the present will be a record year as far as all classes of mining are concerned.

CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society was held at the Trades Hall yesterday. Mr. W. M. Fox, district president, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of delegates.

The report showed that there was an increase of 136 financial members, and that there was now a membership of about 2000 members. The reduced scale of entrance fees had been the means of securing a considerable influx of young men into the society. There was to the credit of the society an actual cash balance of £7017. The expenditure on sick allowance during 1897 totalled £1030. The amount paid away for medical attendance and medicine was £1233. The full capital of the society in New South Wales was set down as £11,354, of which £5582 was represented by district funds and £5772 by branch funds. The rest of the report was of a complimentary character.

The election of officers, which followed the adoption of the report, resulted as follows:—District president, Mr. E. Moore; district vice-president, Mr. James Suttor; secretary, Mr. J. Dwyer; treasurer, Mr. W. Hogan; trustees, Messrs. W. Hogan, P. O'Loughlin, and J. F. M'Crory.

An item included in the business which deserves passing notice was the resolve of the society to co-operate with the 1898 centenary celebration.

In the evening the delegates were entertained by the retiring district president at a banquet at Cameron's Freemasons' Hotel, York-street. The chief toast proposed was that of "The Society, coupled with the Day We Celebrate." In asking the visitors to drink this toast the chairman (Mr. W. M. Fox) referred in glowing terms to the prospects of the society. Financially he regarded its position as second to none in Australasia. (Applause.) It differed from other benefit societies in so far that its membership was entirely a Roman Catholic one. It had a membership of 13,000 and a capital of £85,000. (Applause.) He believed in the coming year the society would advance with rapid strides, as every indication pointed in that direction.

It may be mentioned here that during the day the district secretary received a telegram of fraternal greeting from the Melbourne branch of the society.

At the banquet other speeches were made, but the evening was mostly devoted to harmony, and the company entered into the spirit of the annual celebration with a truly Celtic abandon.

NORTHERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

The sub-committee appointed by the council to draft a programme for the rifle meeting on May 5, 6, and 7 brought up its report at a general meeting. It provided for an allotment of £520 in prizes, £13 of which went to the Queen's matches and £130 to the aggregate, while what was called a "step in the right direction" was made by offering £30 for a "rapid firing" contest under such stringent conditions as amounted to practically counting it. Lieutenant Conley and Staff Colour-sergeant Gale submitted an amended programme, in which drastic alterations were made in the direction favoured by the military authorities. The following programme was eventually agreed to on the casting vote of the chairman:—Queen's Match, three stages, £20, £25, £30 being offered in prizes for each stage—an aggregate; Members' Match, 20 prizes totalling £9 (these are the only prizes given under the old system); Rapid Firing, 10 shots in 70 seconds, 20 prizes totalling £30; The Danger, seven shots at 200 yards standing, seven at 400 kneeling, seven at 600 prone, 20 prizes totalling £30; Volley Firing and Section Attack, £30 each in prizes, an Aggregate, prizes £30, covering the service matches. Nursery and Continuous matches are added on the old lines. A good deal of feeling was displayed in the discussion, the opposition to the innovation being most determined.

NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS IN ROME.

The period of the year in Italy, from a little before Christmas to New Year's Day (says the Rome correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette") may be called the season of the "mancie" (gratuities), which beginning with the lowest is carried to even the highest ranks of society. Being new to housekeeping in Italy, what was my surprise, the other day, to receive, as a gift, a large cake from my baker; his messenger had hardly departed when another ring announced the boy from the wine merchant with a flask of wine, and so on from all the tradesmen. My maid came in, day after day, with radiant face. She had received here a franc and there two, from the different shops to which I bestow my modest custom. Of course, every sort and description of person who does anything for one expects a "mancia," the newspaper boys and milkmen, postmen, messengers, and porters—in fact, all who render the smallest service, with one great exception, that of the washerwoman. Why this worthy and indispensable person should be left out I have been unable to discover. When I proposed to break the rule, sudden death was threatened if I put any such idea into her head. Another branch of the mancie custom is the reception of cards on which is printed, for example, "The young men of Signor Colli wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." On investigation you find that Signor Colli is your hatter, and that one of the "young men" is at the door waiting for the mancia. The sending of visiting cards affords vain people an opportunity to show off their titles, or any special designation of which they are proud. A card reached me yesterday on which was printed "Signor and Signora ——, Survivors of the Greek War." Another end-of-the-year custom, which I imagine finds no parallel in England, is that of the newspapers presenting gifts to their subscribers. The streets present the same aspect as at the time of the elections; every available space is filled with manifestoes and artistic advertisements, in the brightest colours, eloquently describing the value of these gifts. A Milan paper gives a zampone, a famous sausage of Modena; another, to perhaps contradict the rumour that its subscribers are all illiterate, presents an inkstand; the "Messaggero," the popular Roman paper, provides an umbrella—it says this article has given so much pleasure that it has not changed the form of its gift for three years; the "Tribuna" gives a ticket entitling each subscriber to have his photograph taken; while the "Unita Cattolica," the uncompromising clerical organ, gets a big advertisement out of a letter from the Papal Secretary of State. It runs: "His Holiness, to promote further that worthy newspaper, the 'Unita Cattolica,' is pleased to set aside, as gifts for its subscribers, copies of the 'Divina Commedia,' with comments by Sarravalle. I take this opportunity of signing myself, your servant, M. Card. Rampolla."

The German Emperor gave the Empress, on the occasion of her last birthday, a beautiful bracelet, consisting of miniatures of himself and his seven children, set in diamonds, in the middle the Princess Luischen, and under her as a pendant the Kaiser in a heart-shaped setting. The miniatures were painted by a Wiesbaden artist.

GOUT.
To promptly cure Gout sufferers should eliminate urates from the system by taking Bishop's Citrate of Lithia. It is a powerful remedy. Of all chemists, in two sizes. Alfred Bishop and Sons, Ltd., 48 Spelman-street, London, E., will send, post free, from their Australian Depot, 18 O'Connell-street, Sydney, their booklet on Gout and its treatment. Write to-day.—Advt.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

THE NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

Yesterday afternoon the Public Works Committee started the inquiry into the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Maitland to Taree. This is the first section of the North Coast railway to Grafton. Mr. R. R. P. Hickson, Under-Secretary for Works, was the first witness examined. He reviewed the history of the agitation for the construction of the North Coast railway, which, as far as the records of the department show, started in 1882. In September, 1897, the Railway Commissioners were asked to report on the line to Taree, and their report, dated November 24, 1897, gives the following estimates:—"Cost of construction: The Engineer-in-Chief for Construction estimates the cost of a single line of railway (exclusive of land and compensation) at £982,283, or an average of £8629 per mile. Annual cost: Capital expenditure at 3 per cent., £29,468; cost of maintaining permanent way and for traffic and locomotive expenses, £20,000. Total annual cost, £49,468. Traffic estimate: Live stock and goods, £10,000; coaching and mails, £8000. Total estimated traffic, £18,000. The question of the proposed construction of the line referred to has been most carefully considered by the Railway Commissioners. They have personally gone over the greater portion of the route, and visited the surrounding country, and have not only had the benefit of exhaustive information placed before them by local residents at the various centres, but in addition have obtained reports from their officers on the traffic and other matters bearing on the prospects of the line. In estimating the probable revenue it has been necessary to give special consideration to the effect of the water competition which would be encountered throughout the greater portion of the district to be served by the railway. It is true that the water service is at times somewhat precarious, and there is a generally expressed opinion among the residents that it is not satisfactory; yet it must be fully recognised that freight charges and fares are as a whole even now much less than those which could be quoted in connection with the proposed railway, and would, no doubt, be considerably reduced if such a course became necessary to retain the traffic. The regular and speedy transit by rail as compared with the present water route, and consequent influence on the traffic in the direction of the railway, has been fully weighed, and, notwithstanding the advantages attached to the former, the Commissioners feel satisfied that the bulk of the produce of the districts would remain with the steamers. For perishable freights such as cream, butter, fruit, poultry, &c., and stock—particularly calves and pigs—the advantages of quick transit by rail would probably operate largely in favour of that method of carriage, and a liberal allowance has been made in this connection in estimating the revenue. As regards the supplies of general merchandise to the district, there is no reason for assuming that it would be diverted from the steamers, except, perhaps, to the extent of some low freight goods. With regard to the passenger traffic, it is doubtful whether it would be largely secured, the steamer fares generally being now considerably less than could be charged by the railway. As with the goods there will be the advantage of regular and speedy transit, and in addition the opportunity of avoiding the discomfort of a sea voyage. Nevertheless it cannot with any degree of safety be assumed that the passenger traffic would be generally secured. To briefly summarise the question, it may be stated that the districts would be vastly benefited by the facilities usually afforded by a railway, but the traffic generally would only go to it when water carriage could not, with advantage, be made use of. This has been the experience in connection with all other lines where water competition exists. In view of the large capital expenditure, involving an annual interest charge of £29,468 (which would be increased by the interest on cost of land and rolling stock), and the yearly cost of working, estimated at £20,000, in all a liability of £49,468 per annum, and of the fact that the probable revenue would not exceed £18,000 a year, the Commissioners cannot recommend the construction of the line."

The length of the proposed line is 113 miles 66 chains, and Mr. Hickson, in his statement, said the heaviest grades were 1 in 60, and the sharpest curve 12 chains radius. The country is generally undulating and intersected by several ranges and considerable rivers, hence six tunnels and a good many bridges would be required.

Mr. Henry Deane, Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, was also examined in regard to engineering aspects of the undertaking. His examination will be continued to-day.

STOCK BOARDS COUNCIL.

STOCK BOARDS MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Stock Boards Council of Advice was held yesterday at the Lands Department, Mr. P. Oakden presiding.

Further consideration was given to the charge of 1s per head on cattle sold at Homebush. The matter had been referred to the stock boards by the council for an expression of opinion. As the result of a circular sent out by the council, 41 replies were received. Out of these 36 were in favour of abolishing the charge, and one was against. Two were indefinite, and two gave no opinion. On the motion of Mr. Hebden it was resolved,—"That in view of the fact that the agreement made by the Stockowners' Association imposing a charge upon vendors of 1s per head upon cattle sold at Homebush does not expire till October next, and notwithstanding that out of 41 replies received from the stock boards to the circular of the Council of Advice only one is in favour of the retention of the charge, this council is of opinion that this matter should be deferred till the convention of stock boards to be held in July for final consideration and decision; and that it be a recommendation to the stock boards to instruct their delegates in regard to the matter."

The Minister submitted copies of the proposed Brands Bill to the council for consideration. The matter was postponed till to-day. Copies of the Rabbit and Weeds Bills were also received from the same source.

A series of resolutions drawn up by the executive committee of the council in connection with subsidies to stock boards for the destruction of noxious animals was considered, and it was decided that the members of the council of advice should wait on the Minister personally and place the matter before him to-day.

The subject of the anthrax vaccine again came under consideration. At the last meeting of the council it was decided to ask the Minister to make inquiry in regard to purchasing the secret of making anthrax vaccine at a reasonable and fairly remunerative price for the use of stockowners. It was explained that since then the Minister had been in communication with the Queensland Government to find out if Mr. Pound, the Queensland Government Bacteriologist, could prepare the vaccine, and if so at what cost. No official reply had been received, but the Minister asked the council to consider and report as to whether it would be advisable to appoint a bacteriologist for this colony. On the motion of Mr. Maher it was resolved,—"That, in the opinion of this council, a bacteriologist should be appointed without delay by the Government to provide the necessary vaccine and virus in anthrax and other diseases, and also to supervise the inoculation and vaccination of stock, and that this council interview the Minister and strongly urge the matter."

A communication was received from the Armidale board urging that legislation should be passed empowering any stock inspector to muster any sheep he pleases at any time and taking with him any person he chooses. The council decided that the stock inspectors had now sufficient power to do so.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Royal Assent to Bills.—It is notified that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated that the Queen will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the undermentioned Acts passed by the Legislature of this colony, viz.:—"An Act to Amend the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894, and the Hunter District Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Act of 1895, and for other purposes." "An Act to Authorise the Payment of Allowances to the Representatives of New South Wales at the Federal Convention."

Water and Sewerage Board.—Particulars are published with regard to the election of one city member and one suburban member of the Water and Sewerage Board. The election takes place on March 22, and nominations must be in before February 28.

Offices Abolished.—The offices of warden's clerk, mining registrar, and officer authorised to issue miners' rights at Berrima have been abolished.

Public School Boards.—The following additional members of Public school boards have been appointed for the sub-districts specified:—Tenterfield, Messrs. Frank Pearson Tompson and John Hill; Armidale, Mr. John Sofala Chard; Cabargo, Messrs. Alexander Tarlington, J.P., and William Alfred Pass, J.P.; Newtown South, Mr. Thomas Chichester James Foster.

French Presidential Decree.—The Colonial Secretary has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy of a French Presidential decree prohibiting the sale of arms and ammunition to natives of New Caledonia.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.—No. 18 of the rules made in connection with examinations for certificates of competency under the Coal Mines Regulation Act has been cancelled, and the following rule has been substituted:—"If from any cause any person desirous of being examined fails to satisfy the examiners that he is eligible for examination, the secretary must return to the candidate his unused authorisation."

Artesian Wells Act.—The regulations under the Artesian Wells Act are published.

State Children's Relief Acts.—The regulations under the State Children's Relief Acts of 1881 and 1896 are gazetted.

Licensing Act.—A proclamation is published altering the boundaries of 129 licensing districts.

Public Holidays.—Public holidays have been declared as follows:—Districts of Grong Grong, Walcha, and Queanbeyan, Wednesday, 23rd instant; Kangaroo Valley Division of the Kiama electorate, Friday, 25th instant; electoral district of The Nepean and districts of Walcha and Armidale, Wednesday, 2nd proximo; districts of East and West Maitland and Murrurundi, Thursday, 3rd proximo; district of Braidwood and electoral district of Lismore, Friday, 4th proximo; districts of Cowra, Orange, Braidwood, and Bombala, Wednesday, 9th proximo; electoral district of Tenterfield, Friday, 11th proximo; district of Broken Hill, Wednesday, 23rd proximo; districts of Mudgee and Rylstone, Wednesday, 30th proximo.

Sir John Dunne, Chief Constable of Cumberland and Westmoreland, has received a beautiful gold cigarette case, ornamented with diamonds, from the Emperor of Russia, in remembrance of services rendered to the Czar and Czarina during their journey through the North of England.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

V.A. RIFLE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the V.A. Rifle Club was held at the Victoria Barracks last Thursday. The highest aggregate scorer for the year 1897 was Q.M.S. Evans with a total of 676. Q.M.S. Evans also won the annual prize (eight best out of 12 off the rifle) with a total of 455. Captain Pearce's trophy for the eight best shootings, handicap included, also falls to Q.M.S. Evans. The following were elected a committee for the ensuing year:—B Battery, Sergeant Smith and Sergeant Thorpe; C Battery, Sergeant-major Renwick and Sergeant Harvey; D Battery, Sergeant-major Bradley and Corporal Kearney; No. 3 Company, Sergeant Lardner and Corporal Grice; No. 4 Company, Sergeant Grice and Corporal Bessell. Q.M.S. Ford and Sergeant Grice were re-elected finance committee, Sergeant Masters and Gunner Graves were elected auditors, Captain Pearce was unanimously re-elected treasurer, and Q.M.S. Evans was re-elected secretary.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

A rifle match was fired on Saturday at the East Maitland range between teams representing the Maitland and Greta Civilian Rifle Clubs. Maitland won by 45 points at the 500 yards range, and by 41 points at the 600 yards. Appended are the scores:—

Maitland.—C. King, 500 yards 28, 600 yards 28—total 56; R. Kendall, 30, 24—54; W. Gill, 27, 26—53; F. Claye, 27, 26—53; T. Dimmock, 30, 23—53; W. Butler, 30, 22—52; A. Burg, 20, 30—50; Major Sloan, 24, 25—49; T. Silk, 17, 24—41; B. Crichton, 21, 19—40; total, 501.

Greta.—W. Tipper, 500 yards, 26, 600 yards, 28—total 54; H. Rudd, 26, 22—48; J. Scully, 27, 21—48; J. Dixon, 21, 26—47; C. Dixon, 23, 23—46; A. North, 26, 20—46; A. Leaver, 21, 21—42; W. Humphries, 9, 25—34; W. Kessell, 20, 10—30; H. Heber, 10, 10—20; total, 415.

The gold medal presented by the president of the Maitland Civilian Rifle Club for the three best scores from scratch in teams matches, was won by Secretary C. J. H. King, his scores being 63, 60, 56.

The prize awarded for the three best scores in each quarter, with handicap included, for the year ending 28th February, 1898, was won by Percy Claye, with the following totals for each quarter:—185, 174, 186, 168; grand total, 713.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

A rifle match in which much interest was taken was shot on the local range between the Wollongong and Bulli Civilian Rifle Clubs. The result was a win for Wollongong by 22 points, George Lindsay being top scorer with a total of 65 out of a possible 70. The scores were:—Wollongong, 526; Bulli, 504. The return match was fired last Saturday, when Wollongong was again victorious, compiling the excellent score of 550, which formed a record score for a team of ten in this district. The highest scorer was A. Souter with 61. Bulli scored 510, W. Capon being the highest scorer with 62. Wollongong thus won by 40 points.

THE INS AND THE OUTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With the expiry of the present "Assembly" by effluxion of time a great struggle between the Ins (freetraders) and the Outs (protectionists) is approaching, so that I am glad to see your columns open to discussion of the future policy of New South Wales. Believing as I do, and always have done, in entire freedom of trade and commerce—unfettered by arbitrary restrictions—the necessary revenue raised only from duties and excise on stimulants and narcotics, and from payments for services (railways, telegraphs, &c.), rents, licenses, and fees, I, as every other freetrader in conviction must do, recognise that any deficiency between revenue and expenditure must be made up by direct taxation.

The question only is, how the maximum of returns from the necessary direct taxation can be secured with the minimum of oppression to the taxpayers, and with the greatest fairness to the whole community.

A poll tax is unjust and inequitable, because the well-to-do have more property needing Government protection and guarding than their poorer neighbours, and because it is inequitable in its incidence, taxing the rich and the poor in like amounts; for all taxation should be equitably adjusted according to taxpayers' ability to pay.

Direct taxation must be levied on property and land and on such persons as are living under shelter of the State, without having either ostensible property or landed estate, yet earn income, in the form of income tax.

These plain axioms being granted, I draw attention to certain recent developments which I conceive greatly endanger the existing freetrade policy—a policy I am heartily in sympathy with. First, I charge the Right Hon. G. H. Reid with playing it very low down on the unthinking part of the community in his recent deliverances—pluming himself on the success of his land and income taxes, in that these are to be paid by only about 36,000 persons out of the 1,300,000 inhabitants of N.S.W.; that is, that one person pays for himself and the other 35 who get off without contributing.

So far there have no returns of numbers of taxpayers laid before Parliament or published, but such a statement must be very damaging to the freetrade policy, and, if true, such a fact must be a menace to the prosperity of N.S.W. For it can never be desirable, or wise, or politic to shift the burdens of taxation from the shoulders of the mass of the population entirely on to those of a very few. Such procedure would be class legislation pure and simple, and would strike a severe blow at the fundamental principle of representative government, that it is the taxed who should elect the representatives to Parliament. Again, it would discourage thrift, drive away capital from New South Wales, tend to reduce employment and wages. I am confident the bulk of my fellow New South Welshmen, even those in poor circumstances, are opposed to such an unjust and unwise policy, viz., to tax a select few so that the whole of the rest may go scot free.

Even on the score of expediency such a policy is palpably antagonistic to the well-being of the colony, let alone to the moral sense of all right-minded people, for it is never likely to be very remunerative to the Treasury, for the rich would quickly withdraw their capital and themselves, and the landowners would quickly subdivide so as to secure the exemptions.

Mr. Reid's statements have, I feel confident, alienated from the freetrade party many sympathisers and helpers, both those 36,000 who, he says, have to pay, and those animated by a belief in fairness and equity. When Mr. Reid posed as the freetrade champion at last general election I never heard, nor can I find, that he advocated such injustices as the "exemptions" which the land and income taxes have resulted in.

Exemptions in income tax on incomes below £150 or £200 are recognised as fair and just in all countries, but it is nowhere else found (as far as I can learn) that landowners are exempt on account of the low values or smallness of their holdings. We do not find exemptions in connection with municipalities except in the cases of lands held by churches and charities.

No plea as to difficulty of rating or assessing or collecting can stand argument against the solid fact that municipalities collect rates from the very smallest holdings.

Consequently I believe Mr. Reid's policy of exemptions is a most unjust and unwise one, and calculated to weaken the freetraders. The working of the land and income taxes, too, has done much to damage the prestige of the freetrade party, who introduced the direct taxation.

First came the absurd and dictatorial demands for returns, and in many cases followed by objectionable inquisitorial inquiries into people's private affairs, the Acts appearing to be administered on the belief that every person liable to taxation is a rogue anxious to evade his just responsibilities.

Powers rightly may and should be given to the Commissioners for Taxation to protect them in their duties, and if necessary to enable them to satisfy themselves and also to recover deficient payments; but it is neither right nor politic that all persons should be made to give such exceedingly minute returns and make disclosures of their most private affairs as are enforced by present Acts.

I do not know what obtains in foreign countries, but I do know that in Great Britain the income tax returns are simple, not at all vexatious, and that a large revenue is raised annually without harassing taxpayers; and one very seldom hears of the Commissioners in Great Britain having to resort to the powers they are clothed with for enforcing exhibition of books, vouchers, accounts, &c. We in New South Wales are as honest and truthful as our brothers and sisters in Great Britain, and if the freetraders are defeated next election that defeat will be in a large degree attributable to the exemptions under and to the highly objectionable regulations and administration of the Land and Income Tax Acts.

Differences of opinion may and will exist as to the unimproved value of land, particularly where there are extensive buildings and improvements erected, and in recent cases tried before the Court of Review experts of the best standing and greatest reliability have given most divergent views as to values; still it is a shock to find what enormous differences there are between the original demands of the Commissioners and the values either accepted by both parties or as assessed by the Judge.

The first collection in any country of direct taxes is very irksome and unpleasant to taxpayers, and I fear that the working of our new Land and Income Tax Acts will have a serious effect at next election—if it should turn out as I expect, I shall regret that the freetrade party polls less than it did last election. But I shall attribute this not to any want of inherent truth in freetrade principles, but to the inequitable imposition of the taxes and to the harsh regulations for their working.

If the protectionists triumph their triumph will be solely attributable to the exemptions and to the fact that Mr. Reid has had a most unpleasant duty to perform in introducing direct taxation for the first time in New South Wales.

I am, &c., G. N. GRIFFITHS.

MR. GEORGE CHRISTIE AND MUNICIPAL BALANCE-SHEETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Christie's statement before the Sydney Town Hall committee of inquiry, that "every municipality in the colony" neglects to keep and publish an annual statement of its assets and liabilities, is remarkable, in view of the fact that it is doubtful if any fail to do so. Three or four years ago the Government Statist instructed municipal authorities throughout the colony that such a statement was required from each, and since then each has annually published one, with its abstract of receipts and expenditure, in the "Government Gazette." The Mayor of Newtown's self-laudation is rather funny, seeing he could not possibly do other than he did in publishing the statement he takes so much credit to himself for doing.

February 17. I am, &c., J. W. HILL.

The expenses of Great Britain are now about £100,000,000 yearly, or nearly £200 per minute; but every tick of the clock represents an inflow of a little over £3 into the British Treasury, thus leaving an annual surplus of about £4,000,000.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ERSKINEVILLE.

This council met on the 16th instant. The Mayor (Alderman Watson) occupied the chair. The inspector presented a report, in which he pointed out that during the past week four cases of scarlet fever and two cases of enteric fever had been reported to him. He had visited each of the houses where the disease had shown itself, and had carried out the instructions of the Health Board regulations in each case. Some of the cases reported were of a trivial character. The work of connecting the various houses to the sewer was being proceeded with; 514 were now connected, leaving 233 still to connect. The report was adopted. Alderman Clarke called attention to the condition of King-street wood-blocking on the Erskineville side of the road. Alderman Anderson said the council had no control over the road, although they contributed to the cost of keeping the road clear. He moved,—"That a letter be written to the Newtown Council drawing attention to the state the road was in, and pointing out that as Erskineville Council understood Newtown had taken the road over, they asked that the road should be put right." The motion was carried. A letter was received from the Railway Commissioners with reference to the notices forwarded by the inspector of nuisances for the borough to them relative to a nuisance said to be caused by drainage from residents in the neighbourhood of George and Flora streets. The matter has had inquiry, and the Commissioners had ascertained that any nuisance that may exist is due to the drainage that finds its way to the railway premises from the adjoining private residences. The owners and occupiers of these properties will at once be requested to take steps to prevent objectionable matter from finding its way on to the railway premises.

ENFIELD.

At the meeting of the above council, February 16, the following were present:—The Mayor (Alderman T. Hodson), and Aldermen Weil, Hitchell, Lipscomb, Thompson, Filcher, Addis, and Walker. The Mayor's minute, showing the work done during the past year, was as follows:—At the beginning of the year the council purchased the present council-chambers, with post-office and cottage attached, at a cost of £1060. To complete the purchase £1000 had been borrowed upon mortgage at 5 per cent. The balance of £60 was paid from the general funds of the borough. The conditions are—that £50 is to be paid off the mortgages as interest and £60 to be paid yearly off the principal. Interest at 4 per cent. is allowed on all the moneys paid in reduction of capital. The instalments are made up from rent of post-office and council-chambers, £65 and £45 respectively. At the commencement of the year they had a debit-balance of £412 1s 6d, and on February 1 the bank book showed a credit-balance of £142 7s 3d. The arrears of rates at the beginning of 1897 were:—General, £1290 10s 10d; lighting, £387 1s 6d; total, £1678 12s 6d; to which is added—general, £900 10s 11d; lighting, £367 17s 6d; total, £1318 14s 5d; making a grand total of £2938 6s 11d to be collected. £1731 9s 1d of this amount has been collected during the past year.

LANE COVE.

A meeting of the Lane Cove Council was held on the 15th instant, at which the Mayor (Alderman H. Catt) presided. There were also present—Aldermen Robb, Harrison, Clarke, Landers, Ludowici, and Levick. Alderman Robb moved,—"That the salary of the council clerk be increased by £20 per annum, to date from February 1, 1898." He considered the present salary of £60 inadequate. Alderman Clarke seconded the motion, but suggested that it should embody an increase of the salary of the inspector by £12 per annum. Alderman Harrison was in favour of the increases, and proposed the foreman of works should receive an extra 9d per day. At the suggestion of the Mayor, Alderman Robb accepted the amendments proposed. Alderman Landers then moved as an amendment,—"That the matter be deferred until there was a full council." His reasons were that, with an overdraft at the bank of £189 14s 5d, the council were not justified in making increases. Alderman Harrison opposed the amendment, and thought the matter should be decided at once. Alderman Levick was in favour of the motion with the exception of that portion relating to the foreman of works. He stated the council was not in such a bad condition as Alderman Landers made out, the increase proposed amounted to only £44 per annum, and a saving had been already made of £42 per annum on interest for loans. Alderman Landers's amendment then lapsed for want of a seconder, that alderman desiring it might be placed on record that he dissented from the motion on the principle that there was an overdraft at the bank. Alderman Levick then moved an amendment,—"That the increase in the salary of the foreman of works be deferred to next meeting," and Alderman Ludowici seconded it, but on being put it was lost. The motion was then put and carried.

NEWTOWN.

This council met on the 17th instant. The Mayor (Alderman Rigg) presided. There was a full council present. Alderman Abigail moved,—"That the following aldermen be hereby appointed a special committee to inquire into and report upon the best means of dealing with the question of the destruction of garbage and house refuse, namely, the Mayor, Aldermen Smith, Salmon, Cox, and the mover. He said he need not say anything as to the necessity of such a motion. They all knew of the importance of the subject. During a recent visit to New Zealand he had an opportunity of inspecting there a refuse destroyer that did excellent service to several boroughs, and was a self-paying instrument. The ancient system in vogue in this colony certainly required to be supplanted with something more in accordance with the growing requirements of the people. It was a matter that could not be delayed. The city council were at present taking action in a similar direction—certainly on a more extensive scale, and he thought Newtown ought not be behind the times. Alderman Morgan asked the Mayor's ruling as to whether the motion was in order. He pointed out that in September, 1895, a special committee of the council was appointed for exactly the purpose named in Alderman Abigail's motion. That committee met, and decided that, in view of the large expenditure of money entailed in the carrying out of such a scheme, it would be wise for the council to wait and gain more experience on the subject before taking action. That committee then adjourned, but was still in existence, and until they were removed from office a new committee could not be appointed, and until the motion appointing the present committee was rescinded nothing could be done. Alderman Salmon said he did not consider the motions were similar. The matter was of the utmost importance. All that this council was doing at the present time was to poison some future generation by carrying out a system of dumping down their garbage into another borough, thereby sowing seeds of fever and other disease. Alderman Dolman said he was a member of the committee that was still in existence upon this question. That committee met, but came to a conclusion that it was premature. One gentleman produced a patent destroyer of his own, but the committee felt that they had not experience enough to say whether it was a desirable one or otherwise. The city council had gone to a large expense in sending home to the old land an officer for all information possible to be gathered on the subject, and he thought Newtown might well wait until the city decided upon some scheme, and then act upon their experience. Alderman Smith said he did not think the appointment of a committee would do any harm, nor would it affect the question raised by Alderman Morgan. The committee, if appointed, would not be able to settle this question in a few hours. The questions of expense and revenue were of paramount importance. A destructor would not pay for itself. The money to work it would have to come out of the revenue of the borough. Alderman Abigail,—"The one I saw paid for itself." The Mayor said he had looked up the point raised by Alderman Morgan, and was compelled to uphold the point, and declare Alderman Abigail's motion out of order.

PARRAMATTA.

The council met on February 14. Present—The Mayor (Alderman T. Moxham) and Aldermen Taylor, Dixon, Withers, Roll, Saunders, Johnstone, Campbell, Allen, Ferris, and Walters. The offer of the Department of Public Works to provide half the cost of constructing the retaining wall along the river to Lennox Bridge if the council provided the other half and be responsible for the maintenance of the wall was refused. It was decided to press the Government to bear the whole of the cost.

PETERSHAM.

This council met on February 15, when there were present—The Mayor (Mr. F. Hordern), and Aldermen Baines, Cockbaine, Davis, Langdon, London, Marr, Russell-Jones, Toms, and Wheeler. Mr. W. Taylor wrote that the Fire Brigades Board were about to fix a fire alarm at the junction of Albany and Clarendon roads. The overseer's report showed an expenditure since last meeting in the several wards as follows:—South Kingston, £46 19s 5d; Lewisham, £711 3s 5d; Annandale, £96; and Sydenham, £6 8s 1d. The receipts for the same period were given by the treasurer's report as £551 7s 4d, and accounts were ordered to be paid totalling £464 15s 9d. The inspector reported upon a number of applications for dairy and milk vendors' licenses, the majority of which were granted, but some were held over pending improvements in the premises of the applicants. On the motion of Alderman Davis, it was resolved,—"That the works committee report as to the advisability of conferring with the Ashfield Council with a view of arranging for the future control of the Old Canterbury-road by the councils of the two boroughs each taking a defined portion of the said road and maintaining the same in a proper state of repair."

REDFERN.

At the last meeting of the Redfern Municipal Council Alderman Gorton, as chairman of the finance committee, presented the annual report of the committee, which showed that the council, on February 1, 1897, had a credit balance of £637 2s 9d, and on February 1, 1898, the credit balance stood at £1329 8s 5d, an increase for the year to the council's credit of £692 6s, while, in addition to the ordinary items of expenditure, £869 17s 5d had been paid as interest on general loan account and £945 interest on debentures on lighting account loan. Debenture bonds on general account to the amount of £500 had been redeemed, thus reducing the liabilities on loan account by that amount. The total revenue during the year from all sources had been £13,913 19s 5d, and the total expenditure £13,221 13s 5d. The total rates collected represented £9689 8s. A return was also attached to the report showing that on February 17, 1898, the amount of outstanding rates was £1025 10s 10d. The amount spent on day labour and material for the year was £4826 10s 8d, and £1245 2s 4d on the removal of house and street refuse. As showing how carefully and accurately the estimated operations of the year had been gauged, the chairman pointed out that the difference between the actual and estimated revenue was only about £30 in the lighting account and about £200 in the general account. Alderman Poole, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the council on the highly satisfactory and encouraging report presented. He thought the finance committee were deserving of the thanks of the ratepayers for the energy they had displayed in safeguarding the interests of the borough. Alderman Howe seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

ROCKDALE.

At the last meeting of this council the Mayor (Alderman John H. Clayton) occupied the chair, and there were also present Aldermen Taylor, Hegerty, Roarty, Trevarthen, Green, and Judd. Mr. E. T. Hordern wrote complaining that he had erected a cottage at Lady Robinson's Beach, and the Grand Parade was in a very bad state of repair. The council's overseer was instructed to effect the necessary repairs. The Fire Brigades Board notified the annual contribution to be this year £19 15s 2d. Mr. W. A. Beeling sought a reduction in his tenants' rates, contending that the annual value was fixed at a higher rate than he got for the premises, and quoting the decision of the District Court in certain cases that where a person was rated at a higher rental than he received the Court found upon the basis of the correct rental. The Mayor informed the council he would personally see Mr. Beeling, and if he was unfairly treated the council should adjust the matter.

WATERLOO.

This council met on the 14th instant. The Mayor (Alderman Greenwood) presided. There were also present—Aldermen Anderson, Hooper, Smith, Danks, Adams, Navin, Dunning, and Williams. Mr. W. C. Wormald wrote to the effect that, instead of protecting the property of the ratepayers, the aldermen were simply ruining the property in Morehead-street. Mr. A. Fowles, of George-street, wrote complaining of the condition of the roadway in May-street. The recent heavy rains had left it in a deplorable condition. The letter was received.

WAVERLEY.

The Waverley Council met on the 15th instant, over which the Mayor (Alderman G. J. Waterhouse) presided. There were also present:—Aldermen Watkin Wynne, W. J. Blunt, E. Power, W. Carter, H. C. Evans, E. Terry, jun., R. G. Watkins, A. C. Hewlett, E. Keys, J. F. Carroll, W. H. Simpson, and the council clerk (Mr. J. Clubb). Further consideration was given to the matters in connection with the expenditure by local authorities with regard to the Public Health Act, part xi., clause 17, Vic. 60, No. 38. Alderman Wynne said from the letter received from the secretary of the Board of Health upon the subject it appeared to him that the councils had to pay the whole of the cost of the working of the Act, and then apply for a refund of one-half of the amount from the consolidated revenue. He thought the council had enough to do with its money without having all this extra work and expense thrust upon them. He moved,—"That this council joins with the other councils and wait upon the Premier, impressing upon him the injustice done to the municipal bodies, and the justice of the Government bearing the whole of the expense." Alderman Hewlett seconded the resolution, and said he would like to know if the Board of Health had ever published a list of "infectious diseases." The Mayor replied that a list had been gazetted by that body. Alderman Carroll, in supporting the motion, said the Act only related to incorporated districts, and not to incorporated places. He considered it was unfair to treat municipal bodies in such a manner, who already had to pay for the maintenance of the Fire Brigades' Board and the Dairies Act. Alderman Simpson said that, whilst he thought the Act a very good and necessary one, he did think the Government should provide the councils with the funds for carrying it into effect. The motion was carried unanimously. A letter was received from the secretary of the Waverley Electorate Cricket Club giving the reasons why the club desired to obtain power to make a small charge for admission to the enclosure at the oval, the proceeds of which it was intended to expend upon improvements to the ground. The consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

WILLOUGHBY.

A meeting of the Willoughby Council was held on the 14th instant, the Mayor (Alderman C. Laplarrier) presiding. There were also present:—Aldermen Butcher, Bailey, Forsyth, Giblin, Lamerly, and Willis. The works committee reported it had met at St. Leonards railway station on Saturday, the 22nd January, at 1.30 p.m., and it recommended that the levels of Reserve-road, be taken from Gordon-road to Hanover-street; that a plan and section be prepared and submitted to the council, also an estimate of cost of cutting down the hills between the creek and Hanover-street. It also recommended that, as West-street had not been aligned, the council cannot interfere with any encroachments. Re Albert-avenue, it recommended that the land required be valued, and communications be opened with the proprietor (Dr. Ou Lee) for the purchase of the same, the council to pay one-third of the cost, and the adjoining landowner the remainder. In reference to the plan of sites for proposed reserves, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the finance committee. The report was adopted. A letter was received from the Railway Commissioners pointing out that as the new extension of the tramway proceeded to what is known as Willoughby it would be confusing if the name of Willoughby were given to the proposed new platform between St. Leonards and Chatswood stations, and suggesting that another name be selected. It was agreed that the name of the platform should be Naremburn. The Public Works Department wrote stating that tenders for the sewerage reticulation of Berry Estate would be called for about the end of March. The letter was received.

WOOLLAHRA.

At the first meeting of the Woollahra Council for the new year the Mayor (Alderman T. Magney, J.P.) presented a lengthy statement of the borough finances, which he stated would compare most favourably with any other borough in the colony. The amount of rates owing at the commencement of the year was:—Piper Ward, £3173 14s 9d; Edgecliff Ward, £2197 3s 9d; Bellevue Ward, £1225 15s 6d; Double Bay Ward, £1583 12s 6d; total, £8180 6s 6d. Amount received since: Piper Ward, £2028 6s 11d; Edgecliff Ward, £2048 15s 6d; Bellevue Ward, £1114 10s; Double Bay Ward, £1559 13s 9d; total, £7741 8s 2d. Total amount owing February 14, 1898, £438 18s 4d. In the statement of current rates and arrears the figures showed: Piper Ward, arrears £44 7s 7d, current £90 18s 3d; Edgecliff Ward, arrears £30 15s 9d, current £117 12s 6d; Bellevue Ward, arrears £82 18s, current £28 12s 6d; Double Bay Ward, arrears £26 17s 6d, current £17 1s 3d. Totals: Arrears, £184 13s 10d; current, £254 4s 6d. The statement was considered by the various aldermen to be most satisfactory.

THE TRAWLING EXPEDITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Having noticed in your columns that the Government have taken steps to experiment in trawling at a cost of something like £1000, I venture to ask space in your valuable paper to state facts which have come within my experience as a professional fisherman of 15 years' standing.

Let it be at once understood that it is not my wish to cavil at any experiment which will advance the fishing industry, as to do so would be against my advantage; but when one sees an amount of the above proportions morally thrown away in an experiment which, if ever so successful, cannot be practically utilised under the present conditions for many years, it is about time that some true account of the fishing industry was given to the public.

The present supply of fish daily brought to the market is wastefully above the requirements of the public at the present high rate they have to pay for their fish, an instance of which I may here mention in my own case. Last Saturday (I refer to this instance as it is the most recent) I brought two tons of sea mullet to the markets for the purpose of sale, but there being a glut of fish (as very often occurs) I was unable to dispose of them at any price whatever, and consequently they were left on my hands, necessitating my endeavouring to find a place to store them. After fruitless efforts at the various cold storage houses to do so, I was compelled to instruct my agent to send them out to Randwick, where all condemned fish are destroyed. Thus two tons of absolutely fresh fish had to be wastefully thrown away. This, I may mention, is only one instance of very many.

Therefore, having regard to the foregoing, is it not suggestive of pure extravagance that such experiments as the present trawling expedition should be made, when so many tons of the fish annually caught are wasted, which could by a little judicious outlay be preserved or potted off by the establishment of a canning factory, which must be the ultimate object of the most successful results in trawling.

Although I have stated that great quantities of fish are annually thrown away, it may be well for me to state that I and many other fishermen have frequently refused to catch available fish, as to do so would only be a recurrence of the above related incident, but at the time we did so we have been in possession of information sufficiently reliable to avoid glutting the markets and thus increasing the quantity of waste.

If trawling is to establish a canning factory surely there is sufficient evidence in the above facts to indicate that such an institution would be adequately supplied under the present conditions.

Having regard to the present high price of fish charged by the middlemen, it might be as well for me to mention the conditions under which these men purchase the fish and maintain the high price.

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THE Friends of EDWARD and ROBERT MULHOLLAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW; to move from the residence of their mother, 95 Ultimo-road, Haymarket, at quarter to 9 THIS MORNING, for Necropolis.

THE Remains of the deceased MARY ALICE BURNSIDE will leave St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30. Friends kindly take this intimation. F. HARTGE, Undertaker.

BELLAMY.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. MICHAEL BELLAMY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, No. 48 Weston-road, Balmain (Rozelle), TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, via mortuary, Sydney.
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THE Officers and Members of Court Unity, No. 432, O.R.F., are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Secretary, Bro. JAMES BERRY; to move from Mitchell-road, Alexandria, at 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, for C. of Eng. Cemetery, Balmain. By order of the M.W. THOS. LAKE, Sec. pro tem.

THE Friends of the late Madame JULIETTE HENRY are informed that a REQUIEM MASS will be Celebrated at ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Church-hill, on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, at 10 a.m., and are respectfully requested to attend.

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Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA.
MUNICIPAL RATES.—SUMMONSES TO ISSUE.
NOTICE is hereby given that if the Municipal Rates now owing are not paid by the 7th MARCH, 1898, Summonses will issue without fail.
By order of the Mayor.
M. J. MADDEN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Garden-street, February 21st, 1898.

BOROUGH OF HUNTER'S HILL.
NOTICE is hereby given that an Assessment has been made and a Rate of One Shilling in the pound (£) levied by the Council of this Borough on the assessed value of rateable property within the said Borough for the current municipal year 1898-9, in accordance with the provisions, and for the purposes set forth in section 141 of the Municipalities Act of 1897; and that a Special Lighting Rate of Sixpence in the pound (£) has been levied by the Council of the same Borough for the current year 1898-9, in accordance with section 143 of the Municipalities Act of 1897.
And that the Rate Book containing such rate is open for inspection during office hours.

NOTICE is hereby given that an APPEAL COURT will be held at the Courthouse, Hunter's Hill, on SATURDAY, the 19th March, 1898, at 10.30 a.m., for the hearing of Appeals against such rate and assessment.
Notice of Appeals must be in writing, and delivered to me at least seven clear days before the holding of such Appeal Court.
Dated this 21st day of February, 1898.
WM. C. WISE, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Hunter's Hill, February 21, 1898.

Religious Announcements.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.—Ash Wednesday, 8, H. C.; 11 Morning Prayer and Commination Service; 7, Evensong "Story of the Cross." Short address, "Godly Sorrow," Rev. W. Greenwood.

YOUNG Women's Christian Association, 49 Phillip-street.—Annual Week of Prayer for Young Women. Meetings will be held To-day, 3 p.m., Friday, 7.30 p.m. Friends earnestly invited. C. V. BAYLEY, Gen. Sec.

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Y.M.C.A.—SUNDAY Evening next, at 7.30, Mr. G. E. JACKSON, from India (member of Rev. Grubb's Party in '91) WILL ADDRESS.

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WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Apply Erith Villa, off Nicholson-st., Balmain.

WANTED, a young MAN, all-round hand, for restaurant. 65 Liverpool-st.

WANTED, middle aged Woman, General, refs. req. open 3 morn. Mrs. Hungerford, Farley, Kensington.

WANTED, tidy little GIRL to mind baby. Apply 250 Rose-st., Darlington.

WANTED, an experienced WAITER, with reference. Apply Mrs. Gannon, Petty's Hotel.

WANTED, Lady Help, Prot., all duties, cooking, assistnc. giv. Ravensworth, 111 Waverley-rd., W'hra.

WANTED, smart LAD, 17 or 18, to sell pastry, wages and commission. 13 Argyle-st., Miller's Point.

WANTED, a young GIRL, to assist in bar. Apply at Port Jackson Hotel, 143 George-st. North.

WANTED, in plain family, Elderly WOMAN, without encum., 8s and found. White's, Ridge-st., N.S.

WANTED, Cook and Laundress, also Housemaid. Lord Nelson Hotel, Miller's Point.

WANTED, an all-round IRONER, fare paid. Bay-rd. Laundry, Bay-rd., North Sydney.

WANTED, a House and Parlour MAID. Apply 10 a.m. at 44 Bridge-st.

WANTED, a MAN, garden, groom, useful, references. Cardoness, Church-st., Ashfield.

WANTED, COOK and LAUNDRESS, young, no boarders, no shirts. Albert Hotel, North Sydney.

WANTED, young GIRL, assist generally. 7 Pitt-st., Circular Quay.

WANTED, at once, smart WAITRESS, one used to restaurant. 115 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, a BOY, for kitchen. Apply 100 Phillip-st.

WANTED, a smart WAITRESS. 271 Pitt-st., near Royal Arcade.

WANTED, strong General SERVANT. Great Western Hotel, Bourke-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, ref., sleep at home. 107 Fitzroy-st., Moore Park.

WANTED, thorough GENERAL, cook, wash. Apply Denham House, 92 Newtown-rd., city.

WANTED, GIRL to mind baby. 19 Louis-st., Redfern.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Apply after 9 o'clock, 170 Windsor-st., Paddington.

WANTED, Gen., good cook, no washing or scrubbing, refs. Iberia, Barncleuth-square, op. Roslyn-avenue.

WANTED, a BOY, 5s week and board, travel in a buggy. Apply early, 102 Windsor-st., Paddington.

WANTED, clean WASHERWOMAN, 3s day. 8 a.m., 27 Cambridge-st., Paddington.

WANTED, smart young GENERAL, all duties, one child. Rabyville, Wentworth-rd., S'field, 3 Thurs.

WANTED, useful little GIRL, sleep at home. Apply, between 9 and 10 a.m., 51 Ferry-rd., Glebe Point.

WANTED, young General, 3 Weynton-st., back of Abbey, foot Johnston-st., Annandale.

WANTED, active tidy GIRL, about 14, assist all work. Apply 41 Pitt-st., Redfern.

MEN'S White Shirts, 2s 3d each, a Plum Line, at Edward Hordern's Annual Sale, 668, 670 George-st.

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WANTED, a strong, clean young Woman, housework; also Man or Woman for kitchen. 25 Jamieson-st.

WANTED, a young Girl as General SERVANT. Apply Mrs. O'Connor, 311 Cleveland-st., Redfern.

WANTED, FOLDERS. M'Vicar's Steam Laundry, off Bayswater-rd., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, clean good cook. Apply early, Green Park Hotel, Liverpool-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, respectable young General, no cooking, sleep home. Apply 18 Wentworth Park-rd., Glebe.

WANTED, exp. Coachman, help gardener, and useful. Before 12, Lanthorpe, Lanthorpe-st., Newtown.

WANTED, Lady HELP, hotel, 2 family, no washing. Personally or by letter, Bank Hotel, Newtown.

WANTED, young GENERAL, family 3, sleep home. Apply 7 Dorris-st., North Sydney.

WANTED, competent GENERAL, good cook, 10s, no shirts. Osborne, Renwick-st., Marrickville.

WANTED, a General SERVANT. Madaline Cottage, London-st., Enmore.

WANTED, Person, take charge 3 children, aged 12, 11, 7, near school, lowest tms. Menlow, Hunt P.O.

WANTED, BOY, assist man with horse, cart, plants selling. Sydenham Nursery, Victoria-rd., Marrickville.

WANTED, trustworthy, honest Girl as GENERAL, small family. Mrs. Seton, 307 Alice-st., Newtown.

WANTED, a HOUSEMAID. After 9, Moira, 40 Darlinghurst-rd.

WANTED, young GIRL, to make herself generally useful. Apply after 9, Mrs. Cohen, 94 Flinders-st., M. P.

WANTED, a respectable Housekeeper, no objection to a child. After 5 o'clk., 152 Henderson-rd., Alex'dria.

WANTED, young GENERAL, must be good cook, Apply after 9, Southgate, Gt. Buckingham-st., R'fn.

WANTED, useful young WOMAN, no washing, gas stove, ref. 306 Upper Dowling-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, young Girl as General SERVANT, no cooking, refs. Oxford, 3 Kellett-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, smart Tidy GIRL, about 15, assist light duties, sleep home. 32 Burton-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a Mid-day WAITRESS. Apply after 9 a.m., Victoria Coffee Palace, 208 Pitt-st.

WANTED, good GENERAL, accustomed to children. Apply cor. Ivy and Abercrombie sts., Redfern.

WANTED, Housekeeper, also 2 good Generals, wages good. Western Registry, 34 Junction-rd., Sum. H.

WANTED, tidy refined GIRL, about 16, to assist, sleep at home, small family. 14 Fairmount-st., Sum. Hill.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT, no washing. Warenda, 18 Johnston-st., Annandale.

WANTED, Single Man as GROOM, used to washing cabs. J. Tighe's stables, 33 Corben-st., S. H.

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WANTED, Shirt and Starch IRONERS. West End Laundry, Blackfriars-st.

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WANTED, superior Girl as GENERAL, good cook, washing out, refs. 9 to 10, Mrs. Roth, 40 College-st.

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WAITRESS, first-class country hotel, 18s, meet employer 2 o'clock sharp; 3 others, country hotels, 12s, 14s, 10 sharp; also 4, city hotels, 12s, 14s, 16s, early. HITTMANN'S, 87 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, respectable steady young MAN, garden (veg. and flower), milk, groom, drive, refs. indispensable, wages mod. Apply R. HARPER, Sen., Sunnyside, Parramatta Park.

WANTED, thorough GENERAL, must be good plain cook and laundress, good wages to competent girl, open three days. Apply by letter with copies of ref. to COOLEENA, Dryman-street, Summer Hill.

WANTED, a good COOK and LAUNDRESS. Apply between 10 and 12 to-day, MIANDETTA, Carrabella-street, Milson's Point.

WANTED, Cook, Laundress, station South line, 20s; also Parkes, Narrabri, and other districts, 15s, 20s; two Friends, station, £70, as Cook and Housemaid, meet squatter 11, good station. HITTMANN'S, 87 Imp. Arc.

WANTED, young Lady, with some experience in bar, for first-class superior hotel, Suva, Fiji, 30s per week, saloon passage paid; meet gentleman 11 sharp. HITTMANN'S, 87 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, Gardener, station, meet gent. 11; Youth, groom, milk, useful, station, 12s, meet squatter 10.30; Farm Hand, drive bullocks, £1; Chef Cook, 40s; Man Cook, hotel, 25s, &c. Hittmann's, 87 Imp. Arcade.

WANTED, good BARMAID, at once, for Bowden's Hotel; highest salary given; must have good references and connection. Apply Bowden's Hotel, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

WANTED, respectable country LAD, 15, useful about house and garden; one not at a place before preferred. Open till noon Friday. Garden, Herald Office.

WANTED, a thoroughly competent General SERVANT, small family; personal refs. required. Apply between 10 and 11 a.m., this morning, to Mrs. J. C. TAYLOR, Narara, Carabella and Peel streets, North Sydney.

WANTED, superior Working HOUSEKEEPER, must be good cook and laundress and manager, wait table, three in family, man kept, personal refs. required; open 3 days. Mater, P.O., Randwick.

WANTED, 3 Cooks, subs., 16s, 17s, and 18s; 2 H. and Ps., subs.; N. and N. S. H., Housemaid, also P'maid, H. and P., stn.; H., Laundress, stn.; 8 Gens., subs.; 2 useful Helps; M. C., man cook. Mrs. COX, 126 Strand.

WANTED, Farm Men, plough, milk, 15s, 10s; a young Billiard-marker, useful, 15s, country; a Pantryman (Cingalese), 13s, station; a Groom, gardener, milk, 15s; Boots, mark billiards, 12s (country); Man, deliver wood, 10s; Married Couple, wife laundress, man groom, coachman, £60 (country). SIMMONDS, 188 Castlereagh-street.

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YOUNG Nurse, 10 sharp; C. and L., 18s; Gen., Randwick, small family, 12s; Manly, 15s; Laundress, stn., 15s; H'maid, L., hotel, 16s; Gens., H. P. M., stn.; L. Help, Gov. Miss LAYARD, 25 Eliz.-st.

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